



MEMORANDUM

To: TAMUK Faculty and Staff
From: James M. Palmer *JM Palmer*
Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Date: May 13, 2024
Re: Announcement of Associate Dean of Academic Success

In early March, I announced the application process for a newly created Assistant or Associate Dean of Academic Success. Supported by partial release time of current duties, the assigned position for the Fall 2024 Freshmen Cohort would be responsible for becoming a vital part of the freshmen experience and expanding regular UNIV retention efforts. Augmenting existing first-year experiences and the work of others in this area, the role would also enhance the academic support and interactions and discussions in on-campus residences and other arranged events.

Following the application period, the materials for twelve individuals were examined by me; Martin Brittain, Assistant Provost; Maria Velez-Hernandez, Interim Associate Vice President for Student Success; and Darin Hoskisson, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Graduate Studies. We were impressed not only by the campus interest but also the quality of the applications. In the end, four individuals rose to the top for interviews: two faculty and two staff members.

I am writing to share that Dr. Jeffrey Glick, Chair of the Department of History, Political Science, and Philosophy has been selected for this new role. Jeff is no stranger to TAMUK student support. He has taught here since 2011, and has successfully served as a department chair since 2017. He has served on the faculty senate executive committee, the general education committee, and as a faculty advisor for Title IX hearings. In 2020, Jeff was appointed to the CARES act committee that was responsible for distributing over three million dollars to students based on how they or their families were impacted by Covid-19. He has advised students on McNair scholarships, assisted students with LSAT preparation, and is the faculty sponsor for Hoggie Gamerz. Jeff is a recipient of the William J. Hall award for student engagement and the Dean of Arts and Sciences' Award for Outstanding Leadership.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Glick into this new role starting June 1, 2024. He will continue to teach as part of his normal duties, and an Interim Department Chair will be identified and supported during an established transitional period.

cc: Robert H. Vela Jr.