NEW FACULTY ORIENTATION
August 24-25, 2015
Interdisciplinary Life Sciences Building (ILSB) / Auditorium

Hosted by
Blanca Lupiani, Interim Dean of Faculties and Associate Provost

7:45–8:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30–8:50 a.m. Welcome, Greetings, and Orientation Overview
Karan L. Watson, Provost and Executive Vice President
An overview of the faculty and student culture, academic traditions, policies, and activities unique to working at Texas A&M University.

8:50–10:00 a.m. Introduction to Texas A&M University
Blanca Lupiani, Interim Dean of Faculties
An overview of Texas A&M’s administrative structure and how the Office of the Dean of Faculties (DOF) supports the administration and faculty.

10:00–10:15 a.m. Break

10:15–11:15 a.m. Panel on New Faculty Perspectives
Blanca Lupiani, Interim Dean of Faculties, Moderator

11:15–11:25 a.m. Faculty Senate
Robert Strawser, Speaker of the Faculty Senate

11:25–11:55 a.m. Undergraduate Studies
Ann Kenimer, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Studies
An overview of Undergraduate Studies and its departments, priorities, oversight, and responsibilities.

12:00 –12:45 p.m. Lunch - ILSB Lobby

12:45–1:15 p.m. Instructional Technology Services
Jim Snell, Director, Instructional Technology Services
1:15–1:30 p.m.  
**Introduction to University Libraries**  
*David Carlson, Dean of University Libraries*  
A general overview of the library’s services and collections.

1:30 – 1:45 p.m.  
**Overview of the Corps of Cadets**  
*General Joe E. Ramirez, Jr., Commandant, Corps of Cadets*

1:45 – 2:15 p.m.  
**Overview of Teaching Resources at Texas A&M University**  
*John August, Associate Dean of Faculties, Director of the Center for Teaching Excellence*  
An introduction to the programs and resources of the Center for Teaching Excellence, and how they can help new faculty members enhance their teaching effectiveness and develop a strong teaching program for successful tenure and/or promotion.

2:15–2:30 p.m.  
**Break**

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
**Panel on Teaching at Texas A&M University**  
*John August, Director of the Center for Teaching Excellence, Moderator*

3:30 – 4:00 p.m.  
**Diversity at Texas A&M University**  
*Christine Stanley, Vice President and Associate Provost for Diversity*

4:00 – 4:15 p.m.  
**Break**

4:15–4:45 p.m.  
**College Break-out Research Sessions**  
A guide to research in your college hosted by research liaisons from the dean’s office. This session will include college policy and compliance information, procedures for securing funding, identifying funding sources, and various research links.

*Non-tenured/Non-tenure-track* faculty will meet with members of the Academic and Professional Track Faculty (APTF) Committee in the auditorium (ILSB 1105).

*Tenured/tenure-track* faculty from the College of Engineering will meet in ILSB 1109.

*Tenured/tenure track* faculty from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences will meet in ILSB 3145.

6:00–8:00 p.m.  
**Welcome Dinner at the Annenberg Presidential Conference Center**  
*Business Attire Requested*
Day Two:  

Note: All faculty are invited to attend both days of the orientation. However, day two is primarily focused on topics of concern for tenure-track faculty.

8:00–8:30 a.m.  
Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 – 9:20 a.m.  
Tenure and Promotion at Texas A&M University  
*Blanca Lupiani, Interim Dean of Faculties*

9:20 – 9:50 a.m.  
Overview of Graduate and Professional Studies  
*Karen Butler-Purry, Associate Provost for Graduate and Professional Studies*  
An overview of graduate education including shared responsibilities between faculty and graduate students, academic rigor, freedom of inquiry, individual and professional integrity, graduate committees, evaluation of academic work, and mentoring and advising.

9:50 – 10:00 a.m.  
Break

10:00–11:00 a.m.  
Panel on Mentoring and Success at Texas A&M  
*Blanca Lupiani, Interim Dean of Faculties, Moderator*

11:00 – 11:10 a.m.  
Break

11:10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Overview of the Division of Research  
*Glen Laine, Vice President for Research*  
A guide to research at Texas A&M University that includes an overview of the Division of Research, university policies, university research services, and research compliance.

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