Environmental Scan
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ocial
1. Preparedness & Personal Responsibility of Incoming students
2. Emergency Preparedness & Campus Safety in light of national/local incidents
3. Financial literacy & Responsibility
4. Local Education Initiatives
5. Evolution of Social Media/Communication

E
conomic
1. Resource Constraints, i.e. less funding, faculty and staff ratios, work studies
2. Property taxes/values stabilization
3. Enrollment – less revenue to serve more students
4. Market demands to retool and reskill students
5. Lack of Disposable income to spend on education
6. Impact of Eagle Ford Shale and general growth of economy
7. Student Default rate
8. Bond capacity and rating

T
echnological
1. System level security
2. Access, Ability, Availability, Communication, Reliability to include Distance Learning and to stay abreast on trend standards
3. Training & Maintenance
4. Alamo Colleges Online
5. MyMap, Alamo Enroll & Canvas Training, Alamo GPS
6. Banner is not utilized to its full potential due to not having all modules. IE, Graduation Audits, Portfolios

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egulatory
1. Developmental education basic skills requirements
2. Federal Funds
3. Standardization of course content
4. Unfunded, un-resourced mandates. IE, Alamo Advising Model
5. Funding by Success Points for student completion
6. Elimination of low enrollment programs
7. Larger average class size
8. Individual Success Plan and Career Guidance
9. Faculty & Staff Ratios
10. Reconcile & Implementation of Accreditation, SACS, THECB, DOE, Legislature, Board Policies/Initiatives, Political Elections
11. Consolidation- (listed under Regulatory Board Policies)
12. AC directives – such as loss of employees, no external hiring, staffing ratios, retirement, Faculty contact hour requirements (listed under Regulatory Board Policies)
13. Systemization
14. Shared Governance