New Faculty Orientation
Thursday, August 19 – Friday, August 20

August 19 (Dress: Casual)
9:00 – Informal Breakfast and Introductions (Library Lecture Room)
Provost, Associate Provost, Director of Teaching Excellence Center, and new faculty.

9:30 – Who Are We?
   Institutional Overview and Goals
   Meeting will serve as a brief discussion over the following points:
   • A clearer focus on the mission and vision
   • Reporting structure & protocols
   • Teaching excellence
   • Advising
   • Promotion and tenure
   • Instructional support
   • Institutional Culture

10:00 – Who Are We?
   Understanding our student’s abilities, backgrounds, and learning styles

10:30 – Who Are You?
   Formal Introductions and Activities

11:15 – Syllabi Creation and Review (Lunch will be provided during this time)

1:00 – Posting Syllabi to the web

1:40 – Making it Official: HR information and form completion

2:30 – Faculty Learning Community: What the Best College Teachers Do

3:45 – Supporting Students to Success
   • Library
   • Tutoring
   • Students with Disabilities
   • Advising
   • Study Abroad
   • Nationally Competitive Scholarships
   • Learning Communities
   • Career services
   • Counseling services

4:45 - Identify Your Needs and Wrap-Up

6:30 – Reception and Dinner with Spouse/Partners at President’s Home (Dress: Business Casual). Formal Welcome to the WTAMU Family, Dr. J. Patrick O’Brien, President
President will discuss mission and vision statement. Dr. O’Brien introduces his team (VPAA, VPBF, VPSA, VPEM, VPIA, Deans, Faculty Senate President, Student Body President)
August 20 (Dress: Casual) HELC 55D
9:00 – Research to Action

9:30 – Instructional Development: Building Community from the First Day

10:30 – Interfacing with classroom technology and WTClass
   • Set up your gradebook
   • Practice using teaching tools
   • Configure your turnitin/grademark drop boxes for assignments
   • Learn about student support tools in WTClass (Smartthinking; TurnItIn; early alert)

12:15 - Review of issues and concerns

12:30 – Lunch with Department Head
   Department Liaison will come to HELC 55D to meet you and transport you to a lunch with your colleagues