

Council of Academic Deans Meeting
May 24, 2022

Summary and Action Items

1. **What's NEXT? Charting Your Path Program Report** – Dr. Candace Hastings provided the Council with progress on the What's Next? Charting Your Path Program, launched fall 2021. This pilot cohort program was designed for faculty at TXST seeking career development opportunities in leadership, research, and/or teaching. The experience assists faculty in achieving a career goal through participation in seminars, mentorships, and development of a final plan and project. Five non-tenure line faculty and eight tenure-line faculty participated and are eligible for \$500 stipends and \$1,000 applied to their plans.

2. **UPPS 04.04.09 – Volunteers** – Dr. Debbie Thorne announced that the TSUS Office of Internal Audit is conducting an audit on volunteers at TXST and has asked for a point of contact from each division who will obtain information regarding volunteers for the period of September 2020 through April 2022. The point of contact for Academic Affairs is Dr. Matt Brooks. Discussion was held amongst the Council and many questions arose regarding what constitutes a volunteer; Dr. Thorne or Dr. Brooks will request clarification and report back to CAD. At this time, the Council is asked to work with their units to identify volunteers and become prepared to report on volunteers for the audit timeframe.

3. **Undergraduate Admissions Report** – The data provided is as of May 23, 2022 unless otherwise noted. Mr. Gary Ray provided the Council with an undergraduate admissions report. Enrollment Research made the first of two enrollment projections for the freshman class. These figures consider current and future admits, deposits, and non-matriculation “melt” to arrive at a final enrolled number of 7,069 first-year students. Mr. Ray reported that he will be provided a second projection on June 1, 2022. Based on a 14.1% melt rate, we would predict that the current NSO deposits who have indicated they will reside on campus will decline by about 13.5%.

Mr. Ray announced the TSUS Board of Regents recently approved test-optional admissions to continue into fall 2023 and assured admissions for top 25% ranked freshmen will go into effect for fall 2023.

Mr. Ray reported following statistics on Harmony Public Schools, which signed a new TSUS articulation agreement: 1) 100% graduation rate – 35,000 students – 2,000 seniors – all high schools are ranked in *U.S. News Best High Schools*; 2) going to college rates are 87% for Hispanic graduates and 84% for Black graduates; and 3) graduates have a one-year college retention of 78%.

According to a recent THECB report, the percentage of Texas high school graduates enrolling in Texas higher education is declining, despite growth in the high school population. Source: [THECB Early High School Program.pdf](#).

2017 52.3% enrolled in TX higher education
2018 51.6% enrolled in TX higher education
2019 51.2% enrolled in TX higher education
2020 44.9% enrolled in TX higher education

An increasing number of top 10% of high school graduates are not enrolling in higher education in Texas or out-of-state. In 2019, three out of four non-enrolled top 10% students were from underrepresented populations—Hispanic 44%, Black 7%, White 23%, and others 26%.

2017 14% or 4,553 did not enroll
2018 15% or 4,864 did not enroll
2019 17% or 5,745 did not enroll

There are 107 days until the fall 2022 census day.

	2021	2022	Difference
Total Enrollment	25,813	24,691	-1,122 or -4.3%
UG Enrollment	22,533	21,708	-825 or -3.7%
Graduate Enrollment	3,280	2,983	-297 or -9.1%
FTIC Preloads	1,541	268	-1,273 or -82.6%

New Student Orientations launched on May 31, 2022:

- FTIC 5,859 vs 6,672; up 813 or 13.9% (today's NSO count is 6,807 vs. 6,118 +689 or 11.3%)
- Transfers 1,276 vs 1,542; up 269 or 21.1% (today's NSO count is 1,586 vs. 1,415 +310 or 24%)

Fall Merit Awards as of May 23, 2022: The call campaign has ended and awards were canceled for students who did not respond. There were 9,934 first-year merit awards offered, 40% with test scores and 60% test-optional; 3,688 have committed to the award. Acceptances are up by 1,002 over the same date last year, which makes the acceptance rate slightly higher at 1.5% (35.1% vs. 33.6%).

Mr. Ray announced that as of Monday, housing contracts are up 18.7% from last year, for a total of 6,604 housing contracts.

4. **Graduate Admissions Report** – Dr. Andrea Golato provided the Council with a graduate admissions report. She reported that fall applications are still coming in and being processed. Three applications for the summer were received last week and processed. She announced that 19 Ph.D. students graduated spring 2022.

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Dr. Bourgeois announced that the Long-Term Care Administration online program was approved by the Board of Regents on May 19, 2022.

Dr. Bourgeois and Dr. Kambra Bolch spoke about the concerns of the PACE Center advising students who are coming to TXST with a large number of AP and dual credit hours, including the point at which these students be advised in the PACE Center versus the college advising centers. Much discussion was held on this topic, including views of the PACE Center and the supervisors in the college advising centers. Additional review, analysis, and discussion are forthcoming.

Dr. Thorne reminded the Council of the email sent by Cindy Waggoner regarding temporary budget requests in SharePoint. To meet class section and academic progression needs, especially as new freshman students and transfer students register, dean's offices may add temporary budget requests on an on-going basis.

Dr. Thorne announced that TXST has hired double the number of faculty this year versus last year. There are current hiring proposals that require action toward a complete status. She provided several deans with a list of faculty hiring packets that need to be started or completed so that contracts may be issued in a timely manner.