

Council of Academic Deans Meeting
July 12, 2022

Summary and Action Items

1. **IDEA Center Update** – Dr. Peter Golato, Director of the IDEA Center, provided the Council with an update that included staffing, QEP initiatives offered by the IDEA Center, and ways the IDEA center will be promoting itself.

Dr. Bourgeois requested that this type of update occur at CAD twice a year.

2. **Undergraduate Admissions Report** – Mr. Gary Ray provided the Council with an undergraduate admissions report. July 15 is the fall application deadline for freshmen; July 28 is the deadline for transfer students.

The current number for NSO is 8,123; if we have a 14.1% melt rate that would equal 6,978 freshmen for the fall semester. Mr. Ray noted that last year our NSO numbers peaked in week 38, climbing from 7,290 to 7,735. We are currently in week 29. And, we have completed 12 NSO sessions with a total of 5,085 freshmen enrolled in classes as of July 11.

Mr. Ray gave a quick update on the active registrations for upcoming NSO sessions, starting with today's session:

July 12-13	448
July 14-15	455
July 19-20	454
July 21-22	457
July 26-27	408
July 27-28	438
Aug 15	13

There are currently 6,936 housing contracts, which is up from 6,021 Y2D (+915 or 15.2%). Staff will begin to contact those students who have signed a housing contract but have not signed up for NSO. Dr. Cynthia Hernandez noted that we are at 111% occupancy. Other contingency plans are being developed, including options for additional double and triple occupancies.

We have 2,445 (-3 as compared to 2021) transfer students who have completed online transfer orientation. We received 96 this past week as compared to 199 in 2021. Today, we have 2,523 registered. That is 67.5% of our 3,736 NSO target.

The mechanical engineering program has 302 **first-year** applications, 179 admits, 30 denials, and 71 students have registered for NSO to date (target 66).

Mr. Ray noted that we are currently at 391,422 SCH versus 370,661 in 2021. This is an increase of 20,761 or 5.6%. This number is important as it is reported to the state of Texas and is tied to our funding.

As of July 11, freshmen one-year retention is at 79.5% and the one-year retention rate for transfer students is 78%.

Fall merit awards as of July 11:

- top 10% registered for NSO is up 15% or 137 (1,009)
- top 11-25% registered for NSO is up 12% or 248 (2,304)

- top 25% registered for NSO is up 13% or +382 (3,313 vs. 2,928)
- 10,171 first-year merit awards have been offered – 42% with test scores and 58% test-optional
 - 3,732 have committed; acceptance rate is slightly higher at 2.2% (35.1% vs. 32.9%)
 - merit acceptances are up by 1,059 over the same date last year (3,567 vs. 2,508)
- there have been 1,480 transfer merit award offered; 628 have accepted = 42.4% acceptance rate

3. **Graduate Admissions Report** – Dr. Eric Paulson provided the Council with a graduate admissions report. He noted that there is an increase in doctoral and master’s applications but the numbers are unevenly distributed among the colleges.

He announced that Dr. Patti Giuffre is working with graduate advisors on a project to re-enroll students who have stopped out one or two semesters.

Dr. Paulson announced that for the first time students can opt-in to receive text messages from The Graduate College. The Graduate College is hopeful that this will help reach students who have incomplete applications.

Dr. Paulson also announced that there will be several graduate recruiting workshops in the coming fall semester.