

Council of Academic Deans Meeting
June 7, 2022

Summary and Action Items

1. Change the name of the Department of Computer Information Systems and Quantitative Methods in the McCoy College of Business Administration to the Department of Information Systems and Analytics

– This proposal was approved by the Council.

2. Change the name of the Emmett and Miriam McCoy College of Business Administration to the Emmett and Miriam McCoy College of Business – This proposal was approved by the Council.

3. Hazard Identification by Environmental, Health, Safety, Risk and Emergency Management –

Dr. Michael Blanda brought a request to the Council from the Research Safety Committee regarding EHSREM’s Laboratory Safety Division transition from a paper laboratory registration process to an electronic process to offer more flexibility and utilize and EHS Assistant Software. Discussion was held amongst the deans regarding concerns that faculty have regarding the software and training. CAD agreed and recommended that Dr. Blanda and Ms. Wendy McCoy visit with College Councils for discussion and the opportunity for them to ask questions and vet this new process. Dr. Cynthia Hernandez asked if it was possible to run a test pilot program; that will be considered.

4. College Revenue and Expense Reports FY21 – Ms. Cristine Black attended the meeting and thoroughly reviewed a handout titled FY2021 Statement of Revenue and Expenses (For All Academic Accounts) to define and explain the total academic net revenue (expense) from operations line by line.

5. Advising – Dr. Bourgeois briefly reminded the Council of the concerns and issues that have led to the recent discussions regarding advising.

6. Undergraduate Admissions Report – The data provided is as of June 6, 2022. Dr. Beverly Woodson Day provided the Council with an undergraduate admissions report. She reported that we have received 33,960 FTIC applications; we are now just 40 applications away from 34,000 and the old record is 32,686 which was set in 2020.

Today is NSO session three of 18, and there are 446 students who have signed up. Fourteen NSO sessions have already closed, and the next available session is July 19-20. FTIC NSO signups are now at 92.8% (7,185) of 2021 final count of 7,735. 880 students attended NSO last week and 97% of them have registered.

On June 2, Enrollment Research released its second prediction for the 2022 freshman class; the numbers continue to look solid for both freshmen and transfer students. Below is an updated June 1, 2022 projection for the fall 2022 freshman class. The projection has increased slightly since the last one we produced in mid-May. These figures take into consideration current and future admits, deposits, and melt to arrive at a final enrolled number of 7,138 first-year students.

	Fall 2022 Projections as of June 1
Final Freshmen Admits	25,289
Final Freshmen NSO Registration Deposits	8,309
Final Freshmen Enrolled	7,138
Final Freshmen Yield	28.2%

Final Freshmen NSO Predicted Melt	14.1%
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Dr. Woodson Day announced that the Common Application will be launched for fall 2022 in addition to the Apply Texas application.

Dr. Woodson Day announced the 2022-2023 Bobcat Days:

- October 15, 2022
- November 12, 2022
- February 18, 2023
- April 15, 2023

Apply Texas fall 2022 application dashboard:

Dr. Woodson Day reported that as of June 6, 2022, applications submitted to 2-year Texas colleges are down -26%. FTIC applications submitted to 4-year domestic colleges are up +10% and international applications are up +18%. Transfer applications submitted to 4-year domestic colleges are down -35%, and international applications are down -21%.

As of June 6, 2022, there were 9,996 first-year merit awards offered; 59% with test scores and 41% test-optional. 3,690 accepted their awards; this acceptance rate is 1.5% or 1,019 higher than last year (35% vs. 33.2%). 1,248 transfer merit awards were offered with 1,205 acceptances.

Summer 2022 Apps

- First-year students applied 479 down -2 or -0.4%
- First-year students accepted 145 up 3 or 2.1%
- Freshmen NSO 54 down -7 or -11.5%
- Registered for classes 24 – flat

- Transfer apps 610 down -130 or -17.6%
- Transfer accepts 359 down - 58 or -13.9%
- Transfer NSO 283 down -38 or -11.8%
- Registered 165 down - 4 or -2.4%

2022 Freshman Class

- First-year students apps 33,960 is up 3,529 or 11.6%
- First-year students accepted 24,776 is up 3,599 or 17.0%
- First year NSO 7,185 vs. 6,336 is up 849 or 13.4%

- Transfer apps 4,288 is down -547 or -11.3%
- Transfer accepts 2,956 is up 42 or 1.4%
- Transfer NSO 1,787 vs. 1,583 is up 204 or 12.9%

Dr. Hernandez announced that we are just shy of 6,800 first year student housing contracts and we are at 108% occupancy.

7. **Graduate Admissions Report** – Dr. Andrea Golato provided the Council with a graduate admissions report. She reported that few programs have admissions for summer session II. For summer, we have 47 new doctoral students and 151 new master’s students, but we are down 80 in continuing master’s students.

For the fall semester, we have 60 new doctoral students, a decrease of 17 from fall 2021; there is also a decrease of 142 in new master's students. There is a decrease in continuing master's students but an increase of 19 in continuing doctoral students.

For the fall 2022 semester, she pointed out that there is a decrease of 112 master's students primarily due to the Social Work program. The MBA numbers are down but noted that numbers are strong in the Data Analytics and Information Systems program. And she noted that the numbers in the counseling program in the College of Education are strong.

OFF AGENDA

Dr. Bourgeois announced the TSUS Office of General Counsel will be conducting a workshop designed around academic freedom and freedom of speech ahead of the upcoming legislative session. Invitations will be extended to leadership including department chairs/school directors, deans, and AVPs.

Dr. Bourgeois briefly discussed with the Council recent communications from Governor Greg Abbott to Dr. Kathy Martinez-Prather (Texas School Safety Center) and Dr. Pete Blair (ALERRT Center) in the wake of the Uvalde tragedy and his directives for the TxSSC and ALERRT.

Dr. Debbie Thorne announced that faculty salary review information/instructions will be sent next week for the merit-based bonus for eligible faculty. This is a merit-based bonus and not an across-the-board merit. However, academic units will follow their policy and procedures for these awards; policy and procedure statements can be revised to accommodate departmental preferences for making awards in this kind of circumstance.

Dr. Thorne announced that all ECF additional requests have been reviewed; she asked the deans to have their budget specialists respond to all follow-up questions and comments. She reminded the deans that these funds cannot be used for hardware or software equipment unless it is being used for more than 50% of the time and also reminded the deans that course development is never paid by FTE rather by stipend.

Dr. Bourgeois announced that two exceptional item requests will be submitted to the legislature. One is for the Student Success Center and the other is an international enhancement item focused on research capacity.