

**Council of Academic Deans Meeting  
June 14, 2022**

**Summary and Action Items**

1. **VPUA Search Process Listening Session** – Dr. Lisa Lloyd, Mr. Greg Duyck, Principal and Practice Leader at WittKieffer, and Mr. Jevon Walton, Associate at WittKieffer, led the Council in a dialogue to gain insights and perspectives on the university’s search for the next Vice President for University Advancement (VPUA). Dr. Lloyd is chairing the search committee. The Council discussed desired qualifications, qualities, and experiences of potential candidates, opportunities for expanding advancement and development strategies, strengths and challenges at the university, points of pride, and other factors to attract a qualified pool of candidates, ensure an inclusive search process, and successfully hire for this critical position.

2. **Key Research Expenditures Metrics** – Dr. Bourgeois and Dr. Mike Blanda presented a report on the university’s significant progress in research expenditures. Four consecutive record-setting quarters have positioned the university to set new institutional records for Restricted Research Expenditures (RRE) and Total Research and Development (TRD) expenditures. Total Sponsored Programs (TSP) expenditures are also expected to increase significantly. The National Research University Fund’s mandatory criterion of \$45M in RRE could be realized as early as FY24 or FY25. The university should identify its five Ph.D. programs for review and develop strategy based on THECB guidance obtained by Dr. Andrea Golato.

The Council discussed the need for additional support in procurement and information technology, the role of the Council of Funded Research, and a forthcoming training program for principal investigators. Additional significant funding is likely for the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) Center, Texas School Safety Center, Xiphophorus Genetic Stock Center, and other areas. Dr. Blanda mentioned the importance of maintaining and increasing the number of grant proposals and requested grant dollar amounts as well as monitoring and encouraging the timely expenditure of grant funds.

3. **Undergraduate Admissions Report** – Mr. Gary Ray provided the Council with information on undergraduate admissions, including the following key points:

**National Student Clearinghouse National Enrollment Trends** – 662,000 fewer students enrolled in college in spring 2022, representing a 4.7% decline. The decline is being driven entirely by those in college not staying in college and suggests broader questions about the value of college, concerns about student debt and paying for college, and potential labor market returns. Universities must better communicate and deliver on the value proposition of a college education.

**Freshman Applications for Fall 2022** - As of today, the university has received 34,053 FTIC applications, which sets a new record; the previous record of 32,686 was set in 2020.

**New Student Orientation for Fall 2022**

- Session capacity has increased from 370 (2021) to 450 (2022)
- The first 14 of 18 NSO sessions are full, with July 21 the first available opening

- FTIC NSO registration is now at 98.4% (7,615) of the 2021 final registration count (7,735)
- First four NSO sessions are complete – 1,646 attended of 1,720 registrants (95.6%)

Dr. Cynthia Hernandez announced that as of June 13, 2022, there are 6,861 housing contracts, which surpasses previous records and is 996 more than this time last year.

Through the University Registrar’s office, the course demand forecasting pilot project is underway, with Biology, Computer Science, Journalism and Mass Communication, Management, and Physics participating for fall 2022 course demand. The vendor will be provided with feedback and then the initial pilot will be expanded to other interested departments. This is a significant advance in predicting and supporting departments and students with appropriate course capacities and sections.

**Fall Daily Registration Report for June 13, 2022 (86 days to fall census day)**

	2021	2022	Difference
Total Enrollment	27,905	27,561	-344 or -1.2%
UG Enrollment	24,376	24,362	-14 or -0.1%
Graduate Enrollment	3,529	3,199	-330 or -9.4%

- To ensure strong retention rates, University College and Undergraduate Admissions are collaborating on a call campaign to encourage students to register for fall 2022
- An event is being planned in South Texas for alumni, current students, and incoming students to foster relationships and commitment to Texas State; other events may occur in the state

**Fall Merit Awards (as of June 13, 2022)**

- Top 10% registered for NSO is up 4% or 34 (951 total)
- Top 11-25% registered for NSO is up 2% or 47 (2,194 total)
- Offered 10,050 first-year merit awards (41% with test scores / 59% test-optional)
  - 3,716 acceptances, with acceptance rate slightly higher than 2021 (35% vs. 32.9%)
  - Merit acceptances are up by 1,046 over the same date last year

**4. Graduate Admissions Report** – Dr. Patti Giuffre presented the Council with an update on summer and fall 2022 graduate admissions. Summer admissions are largely complete. Fall 2022 applications are continuing, with 20+ master’s applications and 60+ master’s acceptances processed last week. Communications with students about registering for fall 2022 are continuing. The Graduate College is implementing Project Re-enroll with graduate advisors to encourage 201 students who are in good standing but not enrolled in the previous semester to consider re-enrolling.

**OFF-AGENDA**

Dr. Bourgeois discussed the importance of monitoring fall 2022 course enrollments and opening sections as NSO continues each week, including strong demand for developmental education. The university will support instructional resources; temporary funding requests may be added to SharePoint on a continuous basis to meet student demand and academic progression needs.