

Academic Affairs Council Meeting  
January 24, 2023

Summary and Action Items

1. **Presentation of Valero Award for Excellence** – Dr. Bourgeois presented Dr. Hiro Lee Tanaka with the Valero Award for Excellence.
2. **2023 TXST STEM Conference** – Mr. Nick Weimer and Dr. Carolyn Chang spoke about the upcoming 2023 TXST STEM Conference to be held March 24, 2023. If anyone is interested sponsoring this event, please contact Dr. Chang.
3. **Academic Advising Program Review by the NACADA Consultants** – Dr. Kambra Bolch reviewed the report provided following two NACADA consultants that were invited to TXST to conduct an in-depth academic advising program review. The report consists of strengths and areas for improvement regarding academic advising. Discussion was held amongst the Council. This report will be shared with the Presidential Commission on Student Success.
4. **Undergraduate Admissions Report** – Mr. Gary Ray provided the Council with an undergraduate admissions report. As of today's download, we have 34,302 first-year applications for fall 2023. We have surpassed the final fall 2022 application record of 34,294. Last year, we received 6,600 more applications in the rest of the cycle.

Fall 2023 Y2D	2022	2023	Diff	%
Housing Contracts	2,017	2,313	296	14.7%
Top 25% Apps	11,124	12,095	971	8.7%
Top 25% Admits	9,351	10,630	1279	13.7%
International FTIC Apps	88	240	152	172.7%
FTIC Merit Accepts	1,131	1,534	403	35.6%
Transfer Merit Accepts	0	72	72	100.0%

Spring Semester Details

- January 25 – late registration with a \$100 fee ends at 3:45 p.m.; students can drop a class until 11:59 p.m. – 2<sup>nd</sup> cancellation for no payment is at 5:00 p.m. which is the 7<sup>th</sup> class day.
- Last year we dropped 71 students.

The census date for spring 2023 full-term courses is February 1.

Today's TXST spring 2023 registration count as of 1/23/23:

- 34,505 vs. 34,269 – up 236 or 0.7%.
- credit hours are 10,861 or 2.7% (3.6% on UG)

Fall 2022 FTIC fall to spring retention as of 1/23/23:

2022 – 91.8% registered (6,749 of 7,348) (3.6% or not registered 264 | cancelled 335 or 4.6%

2021 – 93% (5,757 of 6,183) (4% or not registered 219 | cancelled 220 or 4%

(92.9% final registered last year) (6,980 = 95% target) (2018 91%; 2019 91%; 2020 91%)

Fall 2022 new transfers fall to spring retention as of 1/22/2023

2022 – 94.7% (2,060 of 2,175) not registered 71 | cancelled 44

2021 – 94% (2,291 of 2,432) not registered 89 | cancelled 54

(94% 2018) (94% 2019) (93% 2020)

Housing update – there are no students residing in a hotel, as there were in the fall semester; we are planning for a large fall 2023 freshmen class; there have been communications to upper class students that they will not be offered student housing on campus

**5. Graduate Admissions Report** – Dr. Andrea Golato provided the Council with a graduate admissions report. For spring 2023, we have been consistently up in applications with a slight increase in admissions at the doctoral and master's level. We are down 291 at the graduate level; 7.2% decrease from new master's (45) and in continuing master's (274).

For fall 2023, master's applications are down 272, which is the highest decrease in master's applications at TXST. Doctoral applications are up overall by 25. There is an increase in doctoral applications which can be credited to the tuition fellowships and assistantships offered because of the Run to R1 initiative. Aquatic Resources has received 22 applications, Computer Science has received 26 applications, and MSEC has received 53 applications. These departments are heavily recruiting.

For summer 2023, here are the number of doctoral applications for the following programs: Aquatic Resources has seven applications, Computer Science has 24 applications with 9 acceptances, and MSEC has 24 applications.

**6. Travel Requests** – Regarding foreign travel requests, Dr. Bourgeois has asked that more information be included in the comments regarding the purpose of the travel.

Also, Dr. Bourgeois announced that the State of Texas does not allow TXST to pay for flight upgrades when traveling. This restriction applies to seat upgrades, early-boarding upgrades, meal upgrades, etc. Should the traveler choose to upgrade, they will need to pay for those upgrades personally.