

Council of Academic Deans Meeting  
July 19, 2022

Summary and Action Items

**1. Student Affairs Activities and Initiatives Concerning Student Success –**

Dr. Cynthia Hernandez presented the Council initiatives supporting student success in the Division of Student Affairs.

**2. Undergraduate Admissions Report –** Mr. Gary Ray provided the Council with an undergraduate admissions report.

As of today, total enrollment is 33,920 which is a 4.2% increase from last year. Semester credit hours are at 409,114, an increase of 6.4%.

July 15 was the fall application deadline for freshmen; the transfer student application deadline was extended to July 31. As of today, we finished with 34,303 freshmen applications, an +11% or 3,358 Y2Y difference. Freshmen applications came from all 50 states; students from 41 states are registered for NSO.

Freshmen New Student Orientation – we have 8,221 x 14.1% melt = 7,062; so far, our melt rate through 14 sessions is 9.2% which is better than expected. We have completed 14 NSO sessions with 5,823 freshmen enrolled in classes as of July 18.

Next NSO Sessions | Active Registrations – starting session 15 today: July 19-20 – 445; July 21-22 – 454; July 26-27 – 464; July 28-29 – 457; August 1 – 541; 1,861 total active registrations

Top majors for NSO registered freshmen as of July 15: 1) Nursing 846; 2) Psychology 627; 3) Biology 380; 4) Exercise and Sports Science 377; 5) Education 340; 6) Criminal Justice 332; 7) Computer Science 327; 8) Management 279; 9) Marketing 277; 10) Health Science 259

2021 Freshmen 1-year retention tracking (as of July 18) – 2022 80% or 4,954 – 1,092 not registered

2021 Transfer 1-year retention (as of July 18) – 2022 79.8% or 1,842 – 451 not registered

Fall merit awards as of July 11, 2022 – top 25% registered for NSO is up 13% or +382 (3,313 vs. 2,928). We offered 10,176 first-year merit awards; 42% with test scores and 58% test-optional. Merit acceptances are up by 1,093 over the same date last year (3,569 vs. 2,476); 1,547 transfer merit awards have been offered and 779 have accepted = 50% acceptance rate. This is an 8% jump in the last week.

Dr. Hernandez announced that we are at 112% occupancy; we are contracting with two hotels but only yields 250 beds. The housing application system will close tomorrow; 6,998 freshmen have an approved housing contract and 828 have an approved housing exemption which is double from last year.

Residence halls move in is August 15 and 16. Bobcat Welcome is August 17 at 8:00 at Bobcat Stadium.

3. **Graduate Admissions Report** – Dr. Andrea Golato provided the Council with a graduate admissions report. She reported that master’s student applications are still being accepted and we are receiving about 30 applications per week. Master’s applications are unevenly distributed with strong application numbers in Computer Science, Construction Management, and Data Analytics. There is a limit in programs as to how many students can be accepted.

Dr. Golato mentioned that outreach continues to students who have not yet completed their application.

She also mentioned that there is an upcoming online Canvas orientation for newly admitted students as well as two meet and greet events.

### **OFF AGENDA**

Dr. Shreek Mandayam announced that for Q4 we reached \$62M in total research expenditures. We are expecting to close between \$82-\$84M at the end of August and we should surpass \$100M in total R&D when you include faculty salaries.

A team with Dr. Stan McClellan and Mr. Andres Carvallo have submitted a proposal to the NSF Regional Innovation Engines; their proposal passed the first stage. This program solicits proposals corresponding to two award types; Dr. McClellan and Mr. Carvallo have been invited to submit their proposal and they are submitting for a Type-2 award which provides funding for up to 10 years with a total maximum budget of \$160M.