

Academic Affairs Council Meeting
November 15, 2022

Summary and Action Items

1. **Graduate Tuition Increase** – Dr. Andrea Golato announced that a proposal will be presented to the Board of Regents for a 15% increase in tuition and fees for graduate students effective fall 2023. Much discussion was held amongst the Council regarding the implications for students, scholarship and financial aid needs, communication about changes, and program competitiveness.

2. **Undergraduate Admissions Report** – Mr. Gary Ray provided the Council with an undergraduate admissions report. He announced that TXST’s University Marketing team was selected at the recipient of the 2022 American Marketing Association Foundation Higher Education Marketing Team of the Year Award. They were selected from three national finalists. Congrats to that team!

Mr. Ray announced that today we officially launched the Degree Works responsive dashboard for students. Advisors will have access to both classic and responsive versions. The company no longer supports the classic version, but we will continue to provide access to the classic version to advisors.

Mr. Ray announced that the College of Health Professions entered into a new transfer articulation agreement with Houston Community Colleges – (AAS) RRT to TXST Registered Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care Online Completion Program.

Bobcat Day was held on Saturday, November 12, 2022.

November Bobcat Day	2021	2022
Total Check in from Registered students	1,141	1,057
Late Check in (day of event)	51	82
Large Student Groups Check in	168	294
Total Students at Bobcat Day	1,192 (67%)	1,433 (85%)

The next Bobcat Day is scheduled for February 18, 2023.

Today’s spring 2023 registration is at 29,156 vs. 28,155, which is an increase of 1,001 or 3.6%. Continuing undergraduate registration is up 1,312 or 5.4% to date (spring 2022 census day count was 34,248).

The fall 2022 FTIC fall to spring retention is 88.9% (6,530 of 7,348; 10.9% or 803 not registered) vs. 85% (5,239 of 6,183; 943 or 15% not registered) to date. Last year, 92.9% was the final percentage of students that registered; our target is 6,980 or 95% for retention in spring 2023.

Fall 2022 new transfer student fall to spring retention is 78% (1,704 of 2,175) vs. 77% (1,873 of 2,432) last year.

Spring 2023 freshmen applications

- 789 First-year students apps are down (230) or -22%
- 327 First-year admits are down (22) or (6.3%)
- NSO Sign up – 119 vs. 79 LY (+40 or 50%)

Spring 2023 transfer applications

- 1,626 transfer apps are down by (65) or (2%)
- 934 transfer admits are up 46 by or 5%
- NSO Sign up – 545 vs. 547 LY (2) or (0.4%)
- Registered for classes – 255 vs. 284 LY

Fall 2023 freshmen applications

- 18,162 freshman apps are up 4,445 or 32%
- 8,530 freshman admits are 2,345 up or 37%

Fall 2023 transfer applications

- 417 transfer apps are up by 158 or 61%
- 172 transfer admits are up by 76 or 79%

3. **Graduate Admissions Report** – Dr. Andrea Golato provided the Council with a graduate admissions report. She announced there is a possibility that a decision will be made to open the Banner registration system to allow students to register for doctoral classes in biology, MSEC, and computer science programs as a result of our Run to R1 initiatives.

She announced TXST is up in new master's and new doctoral registrations but down 272 continuing master's students.

Dr. Golato announced that The Graduate College website will be transitioning to the new Calico template tomorrow.