

**Joint Council of Academic Deans and
Council of Chairs Meeting**

October 7, 2008

Summary and Action Items

- **Political Activities:** Dr. Moore reminded everyone of the importance of the restrictions that Texas law and our Regents' Rules place on partisan political activities on campus. A person's participation in political activities cannot interfere with the person's professional responsibilities at the university.

- **Budget Planning and Legislative Preview:** Dr. Moore gave an overview of the future budget and how it is affected by the outcomes of the political elections and the funding provided for higher education. A proposed increase in tuition was discussed.

- **SACS:** Dr. Cathy Fleuriet discussed the findings of the consultants on campus last week. Discussion was held regarding the revisions that need to be made on the student learning outcomes. Dr. Fleuriet is scheduled to meet with each college council this week to provide specific examples of how we can improve the outcomes.

Dr. Fleuriet announced that after the 2007-08 outcomes are finalized this week, the consultants will review the learning outcomes and the consultant's comments will be shared with the Deans and Chairs/Directors.

Discussion was held to change the date for the final deadline for the submission of any changes to the SACS website to August 9, 2009. Dr. Fleuriet will discuss this change with IT.

- **Enrollment Projections and Caps:** Dr. Moore discussed enrollment projections and the implications of any enrollment caps.

- **Adjunct Parking Rate:** The suggestion was made that the parking fee for adjunct faculty be off-set by increasing their stipend by the cost of the restricted parking permit (\$207.00). Departments needing assistance in funding this expenditure will contact the Office of the Provost.