

**Council of Academic Deans Meeting  
July 14, 2020**

**Summary and Action Items**

1. **Big Ideas Round II** – Dr. Dan Perry announced that Big Ideas Round II is beginning and gave an overview of the process, including the creation of a new Big Idea theme about the Humanities and Human Expression.
2. **Undergraduate Admissions Report** – Mr. Gary Ray provided the Council with the undergraduate admissions report.
3. **Graduate Admissions Report** – Dr. Andrea Golato provided the Council with the graduate admissions report.
5. **COVID-19 Updates** –
  - The President will soon send a letter to students, faculty, and staff regarding TXST’s plan to resume operations for the fall 2020 semester. This letter will include plans for a modified face-to-face environment.
  - Dr. Bourgeois reminded the deans concerning decisions regarding modality changes need to be made by tomorrow, July 15.
  - Brief discussion regarding the best way to distribute hand sanitizers to students.
6. **FY 2021 Budget Planning** – Dr. Thorne announced that she will be sending a statement to the deans regarding notification language for non-continuing faculty. Discussion regarding employment of foreign nationals also occurred.