

**Council of Academic Deans
February 13, 2007**

Summary and Action Items

- **Development of Web-Based Courses:** Dr. Wyatt presented a review and progress report for the development of web-based courses. There was discussion of a request for new proposals. Dr. Moore asked Mr. Milt Nielsen to work with Dr. Debbie Thorne on these new proposal requests.
- **Presidential Seminar (RTA from 1/9/07):** Recommendations were discussed to improve and effectively integrate the Presidential Award for Excellence in Scholarly/Creative Activities and the Presidential Seminar. A recommendation was also made to increase the award to \$5,000.
- **PPS 1.12: General Education Council (Final Approval):** The PPS was approved by the Council with the amendment to make senior lecturers also eligible for appointment.
- **TSUS Rules and Regulations:** Dr. Debbie Thorne announced that no changes were received by her office to the TSUS Rules and Regulations.
- **Grant Submissions Through the Office of Sponsored Programs:** Dr. Gene Bourgeois reminded the Council that all faculty must route all grants and external contracts through the Office of Sponsored Programs.
- **THECB STARLINK:** Dr. Thorne distributed a handout reminding the Council of the brief Internet-based program on the new HB-1/College Readiness legislation enacted by the Texas legislature. The program will be delivered on February 15, 2007, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. An announcement was also made regarding the P-16 initiatives and the formation of a working task force.
- **Academic Leadership Workshop:** Dr. Bourgeois reminded the Council of the Academic Leadership Workshop to be held Friday, February 16, 2007, in Alkek 105.
- **University Closure:** Dr. Moore announced to the Council that questions have arisen regarding how faculty are making up the 2 ¼ days that Texas State was closed for the ice storm. Faculty are in the best position to decide how to compensate for the time lost due to the weather. Texas State will not extend the semester to make up for the time lost.