

Council of Academic Deans
September 1, 2015

Summary and Action Items

- **New VPIT:** Dr. Bourgeois introduced Mr. Ken Pierce, Texas State University's new Vice President for Information Technology.
- **Recommend Approval of Commencement Participant Policy:** Ms. Kristin McDaniel presented the Council with a proposal from the Graduation Application Committee regarding participants at commencement. Currently, students with nine or fewer hours remaining to the completion of their degree are able to participate at commencement. The Committee would like to change this policy to state that at the time of application for graduation, students can participate in commencement if they have one academic requirement remaining within the next semester. The deans will discuss this proposal with their chairs/directors and their advising centers and this item will be discussed again at the September 15, 2015 CAD meeting.
- **Undergraduate Admissions Report:** Dr. Michael Heintze provided the Council with the undergraduate admissions report.
- **Graduate Admissions Report:** Dr. Andrea Golato provided the Council with the graduate admissions report.

Off Agenda

- Ms. Gaye Korenek discussed HB 3337, effective September 1, 2015, with the Council which states that employees will not be eligible to receive reimbursement of tuition or fees until after successful completion of a course. Ms. Korenek discussed with the Council if they agreed that for employees who are seeking a degree, advising centers could certify successful completion and for graduate students, this would need to be done by The Graduate College. The Council agreed.
- Dr. Bourgeois provided updates about new staff requests, HEF allocations, and building projects and related matters.