Council of Academic Deans February 10, 2015

Summary and Action Items

- Family Campaign Presentation: Mr. Wesley Clark discussed the new Family Campaign. The campaign officially begins on March 9, 2015. Deans were asked to review the Roster of Team Leaders and recommend that Leaders be retained or replaced.
- **FY 2014 Research Expenditure Report**: Dr. Mike Blanda reviewed FY 2014 research expenditures. There has been a small increase in restricted research funding and a significant increase in proposals submitted.
- Adjunct Faculty Issues: Dr. Bourgeois and Dr. Cynthia Opheim discussed their recent meeting with adjunct faculty. Important items of concern included conversion to senior lecturer, per course vs. .50 FTE appointments, annual evaluation and merit, term conditions, and workload. Deans were asked to discuss the concerns and the appropriate responses with their councils.
- New Small Class Reporting Process: There was some confusion expressed over the new small class reporting system. The Office of the University Registrar will work with the deans on batch reporting and workflow issues and IT to identify and resolve issues.
- The Redesigned SAT: Dr. Michael Heintze described changes in the new SAT exam. The transition to the new instrument will take place over 2-3 years. The essay portion of the exam will be optional.
- **Undergraduate Admissions Report**: Dr. Michael Heintze provided the Council with the undergraduate admissions report.
- **Graduate Admissions Report**: Dr. Sandhya Rao provided the Council with the graduate admissions report.

OFF AGENDA

- Dr. Bourgeois announced the university tobacco policy will be changed to include e-cigarettes.
- Dr. Bourgeois and Dr. Steve Seidman announced that the Freescale Internet of Tomorrow truck will be on campus on March 12, 2015. The location will be either at the Undergraduate Academic Center arch or behind Nueces.
- Dr. Bourgeois stated that both the Alkek and LBJSC Teaching Theaters will be renovated.
- Dr. Bourgeois announced that The Texas State University System Academic Affairs Committee responded favorably to the new Doctorate of Nursing Practitioner and Masters of Health Information Systems.
- Dr. Bourgeois informed the Council that Dr. Trauth will be testifying in both House and Senate committees in the next couple of weeks.
- Dr. Bourgeois announced that an event to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Higher Education Act (HEA) will take place on October 26, 2015, in addition to the event scheduled for November 5, 2015.
- Dr. Bourgeois stated that Alumni Affairs is requesting information concerning homecoming events planned by departments and schools. Please send that information to the Provost.
- Dr. Opheim asked that deans and AVPs send her an updated vita in Texas State vita format by May 15, 2015. The vita is needed for the 5th year SACSCOC report.