

Council of Academic Deans
July 1, 2014

Summary and Action Items

- **Presentation of the Valero Award for Excellence:** Dr. Cynthia Opheim presented Dr. Frank de la Teja with a certificate honoring him as the 2014 Valero Award for Excellence recipient.
- **Faculty Conversion to Tenure-Track Positions:** Dr. Gilda Garcia discussed with the Council the criteria for waiver approval for faculty conversions to tenure-track positions.
- **PPS 8.08 – Faculty Grievance Policy:** Dr. Opheim outlined the revisions and changes to PPS 8.08, Faculty Grievance Policy, as dictated by The Texas State University System.
- **Integrity of the University Catalog and Core Curriculum:** Dr. Debbie Thorne discussed with the Council the concern regarding inconsistencies between information that is published in the undergraduate and graduate catalogs, DegreeWorks, and check sheets being distributed in advising centers, departments/offices, and by faculty.
- **Approved Common Experience Proposal for 2015-2016:** Dr. Ron Brown announced to the Council the approved 2015-2016 Common Experience theme, Bridged Through Stories: Shared Heritage of the United States and Mexico, Homage to Dr. Tomás Rivera.
- **Student/Parent Complaint Issues:** Discussion was held among the Council regarding student and/or parent complaints. When the Office of the Provost contacts your office with a complaint, please make contact with the student/parent as soon as possible to reassure them that the situation is being researched and that you will be contacting them with a resolution.

Also, Dr. Beth Wuest announced that the policy regarding student complaints is being revised and only written complaints from students need to be documented.

- **Undergraduate Admissions Report:** Dr. Michael Heintze provided the Council with the undergraduate admissions report.
- **Graduate Admissions Report:** Dr. Eric Paulson provided the Council with the graduate admissions report.

Off Agenda

- Dr. Bourgeois announced that a call will be made for representatives to serve on the cooperative education working group.
- Dr. Bourgeois announced that Dr. Ron Brown will be co-chairing the planning/steering committee for the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Higher Education Act (November 2015). A call will be made for representation from the division of Academic Affairs.
- Dr. Bourgeois briefed the Council about potential partnership opportunities with Academic Partnerships.
- Dr. Bourgeois announced that Dr. John Fleming will be serving as Interim Dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication for 2014-2015.