

**Council of Academic Deans Meeting  
March 31, 2020**

**Summary and Action Items**

1. **Threats to Academic Freedom related to Remote Teaching (social media posts have been identified encouraging students to share video evidence of faculty teaching “radicalism.”** – Discussion was held amongst the Council regarding threats to academic freedom with classes being online/remote for this semester. The Provost will communicate to campus the responsibilities of students and rights of faculty in the learning environment.

2. **COVID-19 Updates** – Dr. Bourgeois announced various actions approved by the President’s Cabinet in response to COVID-19.

- Dr. Bourgeois announced that Cabinet was working to finalize a statement to campus regarding students having the option to request modification of final course grades to an EP grade after final grades are awarded.
- Dr. Bourgeois announced that Cabinet approved offering online and remote delivery of courses for Summer I. As of today, Summer II courses will be face-to-face as well as online and remote delivery but TXST will continue monitoring guidance from local health officials.
- Dr. Bourgeois reviewed a proposal with the Council to pay students a \$50 per SCH emergency aid grant for Summer I 2020 classes.
- Dr. Bourgeois noted that Cabinet reviewed all renovation projects and discussed a few projects that are delayed/deferred to a later date.
- Ms. Tammy Sharp provided an overview with the Council regarding the Families First Coronavirus Response Act and its implementation regarding staff.

3. **Undergraduate Admissions Report** – Mr. Gary Ray provided the Council with the undergraduate admissions report.

4. **Graduate Admissions Report** – Dr. Andrea Golato provided the Council with the graduate admissions report.