

Council of Academic Deans Meeting  
March 1, 2022

Summary and Action Items

1. **February 2022 Board of Regents Meeting Follow-up** – Dr. Gene Bourgeois distributed the February 2022 Board of Regents (BOR) Meeting Follow-up report. He indicated the BOR approved a 2.5% increase to meal plan and residence hall rates; the BOR approved an amendment to design development documents for the Hilltop Housing Complex; Dr. Ting Liu was conferred as a TSUS Regents' Teacher; the BOR approved faculty development leaves for next academic year (FY23).

2. **Undergraduate Admissions Report** – Mr. Gary Ray provided the Council with an undergraduate admissions report. Mr. Ray announced there are currently 3,756 housing contracts, a 15% increase or an additional 490 contracts compared to the same time last year.

Mr. Ray recognized the Office of University Marketing and *Texas Monthly* for receiving the GOLD Anthem Award presented by THE Webby Awards for the “Texas State: Big Ideas” marketing campaign. The Anthem Award honors the purpose and mission-driven work of people, companies, and organizations worldwide.

The admissions application deadline for the University of Texas and Texas A&M is March 1, 2022, which impacts applications received at TXST.

The February 19, 2022 Bobcat Day drew the largest attendance to TXST in five years. More than 1,550 prospective students visited the campus, which compares to 1,508 in 2020 and 1,543 in 2019. The next Bobcat Day is scheduled for April 9, 2022.

New Student Orientation (NSO) for fall 2022 opened yesterday with 1,072 registrations. Last year, there were 848 registrations in week 1, 1,672 registrations by week 2, and 2,232 registrations by week 3.

Fall Merit Awards as of February 21, 2022

- Last week, staff reviewed 957 student files for possible merit awards
- 7,947 freshman merit awards have been offered for fall 2022 (up 70% in Y2Y comparison)
- The acceptance rate is higher than last year (22.7% vs. 20.8%)
- The total number of accepted scholarships from 2022 versus 2021 has increased by 904

Summer 2022 applications

- 396 first-year students applied = increased 63 or 18.9%
- 115 first-year students accepted = increased 36 or 45%
- 321 transfer students applied = decreased 12 or -3.6%
- 146 transfer students accepted = increased 47 or 47%

## 2022 Freshman Class

- 30,206 first-year students applications (record pace) = increased 3,955 or 15.1%
- 21,410 first-year students accepted = increased 4,462 or 26.3%
- 3,478 top 10% students admitted = increased 704 or 25.3%
- 10,496 top 25% students admitted = increased 2,109 or 25.1%
- Staff have made progress on transfer applications in last two weeks
- 1,838 transfer applications = decreased by 199 or 9.8% (compared to a decrease of 295 applications or 15.3% from last CAD meeting)
- 1,128 transfer students accepted = increased 156 or 16%

3. **Graduate Admissions Report** – Dr. Andrea Golato provided the Council with a graduate admissions report. Dr. Golato announced that applications continue to come in strong and the graduate merit fellowship deadline is today. The fellowship applications will be reviewed soon. Summer applications to graduate programs have slightly increased. Recent recruitment events have been well attended. A meeting with graduate program coordinators, advisors, and chairs/directors is being planned to prepare for marketing 13 fully online graduate programs to out-of-state students.

Dr. Golato announced that two TXST students in the College of Liberal Arts have been awarded a one-year Dissertation Fellowship in the amount of \$10,000 by Phi Kappa Phi. TXST received two of ten fellowships awarded this year.

4. **COVID-19 Updates** – Dr. Bourgeois announced that there is no COVID-19 update from President's Cabinet for this week.

## OFF AGENDA

Dr. Bourgeois addressed feedback from recent candidates for chair/director positions regarding the expectations of colleges, departments/schools, and faculty for achieving R1 status and NRUF eligibility. All units and faculty have a role in achieving the university's goals, including growing graduate enrollments, engaging students in research, creative and scholarly work, pursuing grants and sponsored programs as feasible, supporting the trajectory of research, scholarly, and creative work into more prestigious outlets and venues, ensuring high quality instruction, and setting aspirations and implementing practices for becoming more like R1 institutions.

Dr. Debbie Thorne thanked the Council for their support in ensuring outside employment requests are fully explained by the requesting faculty or staff member and are processed in a timely manner. Given the variety and volume of requests that require Provost approval, either the supervisor, chair/director, dean, and/or AVP must provide written comments in SAP, such as stating there is no conflict of interest or commitment with the request.