

Council of Academic Deans
April 8, 2014

Summary and Action Items

- **Graduate College Awards:** Dr. Andrea Golato announced that the Outstanding Graduate Student Award will be changed such that in future years, two awards will be made in each academic college: one for master's students and one for doctoral students and other students obtaining the highest terminal degree of their field. The Graduate College will create thesis and dissertation awards, in accordance with awards of the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools (CSGS) and the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS). Having on-campus awards should increase the likelihood of the best theses and dissertations being nominated at the regional and national level. The Graduate College will create an award specific to mentoring/advising/program direction in graduate education (in line with CSGS and CGS awards). Again, this will allow The Graduate College to nominate faculty at the regional and national level.
- **Faculty Development Videoconferencing and the Round Rock Campus:** Dr. Cynthia Opheim announced to the Council that the Microsoft Lync system will be used for more faculty development meetings so that faculty and staff at the Round Rock Campus can participate. Also announced was that professional development workshops held in JCK 460 will now broadcast to the Round Rock Campus.
- **Revision of PPS 6.01 – Honorary Faculty Titles and Emeritus Faculty:** Dr. Opheim reviewed paragraph four of PPS 6.01 and asked the Council to consider eliminating Associate Professors from this category. Also discussed was including specific language about teaching and scholarship along with service for this honor.
- **Athletic Academic Center Update:** Dr. Dann Brown discussed with the Council the program for the 2014 Oak Farms Academic Awards Ceremony and shared a brief biography of the male and female student athletes of the year.
- **Undergraduate Admissions Report:** Dr. Michael Heintze provided the Council with the undergraduate admissions report as well as an update about Bobcat Day.
- **Graduate Admissions Report:** Dr. Andrea Golato provided the Council with the graduate admissions report.

Off Agenda

- **Summer Budgets:** Dr. Bourgeois requested from the Deans their college summer 2014 faculty instructional salary requests in a spreadsheet that is listed by department/school. Ms. Cindy Waggoner will e-mail the Deans a template to use and this request is due to Ms. Waggoner by April 22, 2014.

- Start-Up Packages: Dr. Opheim announced to the Council that the distinction of HEAF and non-HEAF is no longer required to be outlined on start-up packages. Dr. Opheim also reviewed some items that are not allowed to be included in start-up packages: travel, iPads (unless the use of it is very closely related to the research purpose), membership fees, regalia, and funding for visiting scholars. Also mentioned was that the salaries for GRAs in start-up packages must be at the Texas State pay rate.