

**Council of Academic Deans Meeting  
June 22, 2010**

**Summary and Action Items**

- **Proposed Changes to PPS 3.08: Credit by Examination:** Dr. Gail Ryser proposed a change to PPS 3.08, paragraph 3, allowing an academic department to elect to award grades of “A” or “B” in addition to the current “CR” for credit by exams. Dr. Bob Fischer, Chair of the Department of Modern Languages, demonstrated how awarding grades for credit for exams would alleviate the problem of students who have taken the test, and received a CR grade, retaking the modern language courses to receive a letter grade. These students are proficient in the language and having them participate in the lower level classes causes problems. Discussion was held. The consensus of the Council was to allow Modern Languages to award an “A” or “B” in addition to the “CR” for the Modern Languages Credit by Exams. Dr. Gail Ryser will send these edits to Ms. Tina Guerrero in the Provost Office for the final approval process.
  
- **Backdated Adds/Drops and Backdated Degrees:** Dr. Moore presented the topic of backdating adds/drops and degrees. Situations were discussed that could warrant the backdating of these items. Dr. Moore stressed that Mr. Joe Meyer in Institutional Research has reported to him the problems associated with the external reports that have to be manually corrected when actions have been backdated after the final reports have been submitted. Also, the new student information system will require a review of our current practices. Dr. Moore suggested that we invite Ms. Lloydean Eckley, Registrar, and Mr. Joe Meyer, Director of Institutional Research, to a future CAD meeting to discuss the current practices and the needs of the new student information system.

**Off Agenda**

- The future economic status of Texas State and the State of Texas was discussed. All vacant staff positions and foreign travel are being reviewed closely and require approval by Dr. Moore. The increase in the fall enrollment was discussed and how the increase enrollment could help with the budget cuts. Faculty positions currently are being re-authorized.