

Council of Academic Deans Meeting Summary and Action Items

March 18, 2008

- **ANNOUNCEMENT - TSUS Rules and Regulations:** Dr. Debbie Thorne announced that suggested changes to the Regent Rules are due to her by Friday, March 21, 2008. Dr. Thorne noted that information has already been submitted in the Grants and Research Area.

- **General Education Student Learning Outcomes:** Dr. Cathy Fleuriet discussed the process already implemented to address the SACS standards of creating and tracking the General Education Student Learning Outcomes. Discussion was held about the common goals for courses that meet the specific core requirements. Several CAD members expressed their concern that the goals required by the Coordinating Board, Legislative items and the General Education Council do not exist in a collective format.

Dr. Moore requested that the goals required for each core requirement be given to him for his review.

Dr. Fleuriet stated that departments can track specific outcomes and are not required to track all outcomes.

Dr. Brown reviewed the membership, function and history of the General Education Council. Discussion was held on the final responsibility (Deans or General Education Council) of the merit of the learning outcomes. Dr. Bourgeois suggested the item "General Education and Role of the General Education Council and the Role of the Deans" be placed on a future CAD meeting agenda.

Dr. Fleuriet discussed the approach to assessing student learning outcomes, especially critical thinking, writing and communication skills. The Collegiate Learning Assessment (CLA) is the test most likely to be used by Texas State. By testing a sample of first year students in the fall and a sample of seniors in the spring Texas State would receive reports on how well our students have achieved the specific outcomes.