

Council of Academic Deans Meeting
August 4, 2009
Summary and Action Items

- **Service Awards and Presidential Awards** – Ms. Gaye Korenek distributed the service awards and pins for each College to each Dean.
- **Common Experience** – Dr. Denise Smart solicited funds from the Deans for support for this year's Common Experience. If you would like to sponsor activities, please contact Dr. Pam Wuestenberg (pw05), Dr. Nico Schuler (ns13) or Ms. Diann McCabe (dm14).
- **Commencement Student Speakers** – Discussion was held as to whether or not to eliminate the student speakers at each commencement ceremony in order to streamline the ceremony. Dr. Debbie Thorne asked the Council for their feedback on this issue.

Off Agenda

- **Target of Opportunity Faculty Hiring Program** – Dr. Gene Bourgeois reminded the Deans that when they are ready to make an offer, please contact him before extending the offer.
- **New Staff Positions** – Please send new staff position priorities to Dr. Gene Bourgeois.
- **San Antonio MITC** – Dr. Debbie Thorne briefed the Council about the current status of the San Antonio MITC and asked the Deans and Chairs to continue exploring opportunities for participating, especially at the graduate level.