

Council of Academic Deans
November 22, 2016

Summary and Action Items

- **Faculty Development Leave Applications:** The deans approved recommendations for Faculty Development Leave recommended by the Faculty Senate.
- **Council on Funded Research:** Dr. Brit Bousman provided the Council with an update on the CoFR, which included the addition of Dr. Horton to the Council, activities and initiatives by the library to support research, and a request to identify research groups/clusters in the strategic planning process.
- **Fall 2016 Advising Center Allocations 2016-2017:** Dr. Dann Brown provided the Council with a review of Student Success Fee funding and impacts on future resource availability. Undergraduate enrollment trends and the need for additional advisors in areas experiencing recent growth was discussed. Information regarding new advisor allocations for AY 2017 will be provided upon approval and depending upon resource availability.
- **African-American Studies Proposal:** Dr. Debbie Thorne reported that Dr. Audwin Anderson has agreed to chair a work group that will explore the viability of an African-American curricular initiative. Deans are asked to make nominations for the work group by January 20, 2017.
- **Untaught Class Report:** Dr. Debbie Thorne reminded the Council about the importance of tracking and assessing untaught courses for possible deletion from the course inventory or inclusion on an upcoming class schedule. Deans received a copy of the untaught course report for their respective colleges.
- **2017 Cats Caravan:** Mr. Gary Ray shared the upcoming dates for Cats Caravan for 2017.
--Dallas March 5, 2017
--Houston March 26, 2017
--San Antonio April 13, 2017
- **Undergraduate Admissions Report:** Mr. Gary Ray provided the Council with the undergraduate admissions report.
- **Graduate Admissions Report:** Dr. Andrea Golato provided the Council with the graduate admissions report.

OFF AGENDA

- Dr. Cynthia Opheim announced that departments/schools would receive adjustments to M&O funding based on the results of the university M&O formula. A total of \$60,000 will also be distributed to deans. In addition, some permanent supplements will be distributed to units that are not in the formula or have had a persistent need.

- Dr. Cynthia Opheim reminded deans that materials for interviewing a faculty applicant should include the matrix.

- The Council discussed actions taken and/or events planned to address the post-election concerns and threats. The Provost ask that any member of the Council report threats or actions against faculty, staff, or students to him, too. He described several actions, e.g., increased foot patrols by UPD officers and security guards, and increasing availability of Bobcat Bobbies service, that have been taken by the university to ensure safety and security on campus.