

Council of Academic Deans
April 15, 2014

Summary and Action Items

- **Faculty Development Leave Electronic Application Process:** Discussion was held among the Council as to whether Deans would have the ability to disapprove a faculty development leave application before being submitted to the Faculty Senate for a recommendation. A decision was made that, although they could make comments, Deans would not be able to approve/disapprove an application until after the Faculty Senate has rendered recommendations for the leaves. Also, all applicants for an FDL will be required to meet with their Chair/Director before an application can be submitted.
- **Process of Summer Camps:** Dr. Ron Brown announced to the Council that Texas State now has a new child protective safety training program that is required of those who work with underage students in any summer camp. There is no fee for this training and the Office of Human Resources will cover the costs for all background checks. It will be made available in the next two weeks.
- **Undergraduate Admissions Report:** Dr. Michael Heintze provided the Council with the undergraduate admissions report.
- **Graduate Admissions Report:** Dr. Andrea Golato provided the Council with the graduate admissions report.

Off Agenda

- **Press Releases:** Dr. Bourgeois announced several pending changes to press releases and announcements. Press releases typically will be made for announcements of gifts and grants that have a value of \$100,000 or more, and for international/national/major regional awards/recognitions. Other refinements to our press release/announcements practices and procedures will be forthcoming.
- Dr. Bourgeois announced that Dr. Robert Gratz will be retiring at the end of this calendar year and the President will be conducting an internal search immediately.