

**Council of Academic Deans Meeting
July 13, 2021**

Summary and Action Items

1. **Update on Captioning and Transcription Services** – Dr. Vedaraman Sriraman, Mr. Dana Willett, Mr. Gavin Steiger, and Mr. Evan Pickrel provided an update regarding an RFP for captioning and transcription services. The service addresses a university-wide need for accessibility in multimedia materials. Bids have been received and reviewed. An award with any current bidder will likely increase the unit cost for services compared to current arrangements. Any solution would be integrated with our current learning management and video distribution systems. New workflows and billing arrangements will need to be established following a vendor selection.

Based on feedback from those attending, a contract with multiple vendors will be explored in an effort to keep costs lower while still meeting required levels of service.

2. **Substantive Change Requirements** – Dr. Beth Wuest highlighted key SACSCOC substantive change requirements that impact curriculum and program planning. *New programs* with 50% or more new curriculum require submission of a prospectus and undergo a full review prior to advertising or enrolling students while programs with 25-49% new curriculum require only a letter of notification to be submitted prior to enrolling students. *Program closure* requires a teach-out plan for students and approval; however, closed programs may be reopened within five years with formal notification. *Accelerated programs* require a minimum of 120 hours for the undergraduate degree, 30 hours for the master's degree, and an additional 30 hours for the doctoral degree (for example an accelerated master's program requires a minimum of 150 hours with at least 30 at the graduate level). Texas State has already met the requirements allowing programs to change in method of delivery such as moving from face-to-face to distance education and no notification is needed. Additional requirements for offering 25% or more of a program's curriculum through competency-based education or at an off-campus site should be reviewed with Texas State's SACSCOC Liaison to ensure compliance.

3. **Undergraduate Admissions Report** – Mr. Gary Ray provided the Council with an undergraduate admissions report. He reported that enrollment was 13,448 on census day for Summer II (July 9, 2021), which was down from last year's census day which was reported at 14,218.

As of July 12, 2021, registration for fall 2021 is 31,518, down 9.5% from this time last year. We are seeing that freshmen are registering at a slower pace. As of July 12, 2021, 3,929 new students had registered. TSI and the Meningitis vaccination holds continue to be the top two holds for new students.

Continuing undergraduate student registration is down 5.2%.

As of today, 7,437 students had attended NSO, which is 398 more than this time last year.

TXST has 94 more students in the top 10% percent than last year; there is an increase of 115 overall 75.6% of the freshman 2020 class have registered for fall 2021 classes; last year at this time the fall 2019 class was at 75.9%

555 more students have accepted assured scholarships than last year.

Dr. Bourgeois announced that he will be convening a committee to review and examine NSO for fall 2022 as part of a broader student success executive committee.

4. **Graduate Admissions Report** – Dr. Andrea Golato provided the Council with a graduate admissions report. Dr. Golato reported that applications are trending behind but keep in mind that last year there were two new programs that were newly implemented. The Graduate College continues to receive applications for fall 2021 and the focus is to get these students admitted so they can register. The Graduate College is working with the Office of University Marketing on a social media campaign to get students registered.

5. **COVID-19 Updates** – Dr. Emilio Carranco presented the following update to President’s Cabinet on July 13, 2021:

- State of Texas – 1,297 average cases per day; the prior week was 761; positivity rate went from 4% to 7.3%;
- Hays County – went from 10 to 15 average cases per day; no positivity rate was reported
- Williamson County – went from 13 to 18 average cases per day; positivity rate went from 1.5% to 3%
- Travis County – went from 32 to 51 average cases per day; positivity rate went from 2.3% to 4.3%
- TXST – 10 positive cases resulted from 132 tests conducted; 7.6% positivity rate; the prior week one positive case resulted out of 93 tests for a 1% positivity rate; there are currently 16 active cases this week and there were four active cases last week

Fully vaccinated individuals (12 years and older):

- US – 56.1%
- Texas – 50.7%
- Hays County – 53%
- Williamson County – 59.4%
- Travis County – 61.2%

6. **Fall 2021 Classes** – no updated was provided for this agenda item

7. **Budget Planning** – no updated was provided for this agenda item

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TEXAS Grants – Dr. Bourgeois announced that TXST is receiving \$27.2M in AY2021 and \$32.7M in AY22. This is a \$5.5M increase.

Dr. Bourgeois announced that the following earmarked projects have been tentatively approved:

- The Meadows Center Climate Change Impact on Water Initiative - \$2 million
- Workforce research initiative and educator professional development focused on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics - \$1 million
- Community Mental Health Surveillance Collaborative to strengthen mental health infrastructure, including training, equipment, and technology - \$2 million