

**Joint Council of Academic Deans and Council of Chairs Meeting
September 8, 2009**

Summary and Action Items

- **Spaces Issues and Enrollment Growth:** Dr. Moore gave an update on the expected enrollment (over 30,000) for the fall 2009 semester. Several issues of coping with this enrollment growth were discussed. The increased enrollment assures an increase in funding. Several suggestions/issues were discussed to better manage Texas State's capacity to accommodate larger enrollments.
 - Increase the number of buses and bus routes from Austin and San Antonio and in San Marcos
 - Convert current un-used space into faculty offices as soon as possible. Building the new Undergraduate Academic Building as soon as possible.
 - Move offices with on-campus space that are not directly related to academics or research services to off-campus leased space. Dr. Moore discussed the proposed joint effort with the City of San Marcos on the development of a Research Park.
 - Several of the chairs and deans suggested we increase certain summer course offerings that are cost efficient; large enrollments taught by junior faculty members. This could shift some enrollments to the summer and save space during the long semester.

- While Higher Education funding during the 2011 legislation is uncertain, Dr. Moore assured the group that new faculty will be hired to meet the demands of the increased enrollment. A call for new faculty requests will go to the deans within two weeks.

- A comprehensive review of our master's degree programs will be initiated by Dr. Moore per President Trauth's fall convocation speech, "We need to ensure that we are offering the programs Central Texas needs." Dr. Moore will send a memo and template to each dean asking them to review current master's degrees in their College, determine if new concentrations or areas of emphasis need to be considered, and identify any new master's programs that we should be offering.

- **Tenure and Promotion Criteria:** Discussion was held regarding the criteria for T&P, including the productivity expected of candidates seeking promotion to professor, candidacy for early T&P, and the benefits/draw backs to counting prior years of service from another university. The number of prior years of service counted is negotiated at the time of hire on a case by case basis, up to three years if hired with a tenure-track probationary period. However, Provost Moore recommends six-year probationary periods for most tenure-track hires.

- **SACS Update:** Dr. Fleuriet reported that Compliance Certification Report has been submitted. The off campus review team will send recommendations to Texas State in December.