

Academic Affairs Council Meeting  
April 18, 2023

Summary and Action Items

1. **Work Study Allocation Process Update for 2023/2024** – Dr. Christopher Murr presented a new initiative to transition the allocation of work-study funds in FY24 from student slots/positions to dollars. Historically, the university has allocated federal and state work-study funds to divisions by slots (or number of positions). This approach has created administrative challenges and has increased the potential of not expending the federally required minimum (90%) of each year’s allocation. Not meeting this threshold would lead to reductions in future federal allocations. To address these issues, the offices of Financial Aid and Scholarships, Human Resources, Career Services, General Accounting and Budget are collaborating to transition the allocation of work-study funds in FY24 from student slots to dollars.

This change is designed to benefit hiring departments, students, and the university in fully utilizing federal and state work-study funds. The work-study memo allocating funds by dollars is slated to be sent to each division in May 2023. In addition, SAP access to view budgeted funds will be requested for the appropriate divisional account managers and staff.

2. **Bobcat Welcome** – Dr. Victoria Black and Dr. Brenda Rodriguez shared information with the Council regarding this year’s Bobcat Welcome and the College Open House Signature Event. They also reviewed survey results from students who attended fall 2022 open houses. The College Open House event provides incoming students an opportunity to interact and connect with their college prior to the start of the fall semester and to learn more about educational resources and support services available. The fall 2023 College Open House events are scheduled for Wednesday, August 16, 2023 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. These events will continue to be Signature Events, meaning no other scheduled programming will occur during this date and time. The Department of Housing and Residential Life staff will help guide students to attend the College Open House events across campus.

Dr. Black asked that each college identify a point of contact for a follow-up meeting to discuss last year’s successes, challenges, best practices, programming ideas, and updates for next academic year. The Bobcat Welcome schedule and specific event planning information will also be discussed.

3. **Undergraduate Admissions Report** – Mr. Gary Ray provided the Council with an undergraduate admissions report.

Fall and summer registration (as of April 17, 2023):

Fall 2023	2022	2023	Difference
Overall Headcount	20,658	22,365	+1,707 or 8.3%
Overall Credit Hours	238,953	268,184	+29,231 or 12.2%

  

Summer 2023	2022	2023	Difference
Overall Headcount	10,446	10,439	(-7) or (0.1%)
Overall Credit Hours	65,266	64,742	(-524) or (-0.8%)

Retention as of April 17, 2023:

fall to fall	2022	2023	difference
Freshmen Retention	4,139 (67%)	5,298 (72.1%)	+1,159
Transfer Retention	1,446 (59%)	1,424 (65.5%)	-22

Milestones this week:

- The 2023 NSO registration is being tracked in Slate for the first time this year. Due to the coding differences, efforts are underway to ensure Y2Y comparisons are possible.
- We are now at 27,332 or **95.9%** of the new FTIC admit target (28,500) to yield 8,000 freshmen. Last year, we admitted 1,187 more first-year students from April 17, 2022 to September 11, 2022. There are still over 10,000 applications to be processed.
- New transfer student numbers are ahead for fall 2023. Applications are up 446 or 14% Y2D and admits are up 6.6% or 132.
- The annual Bobcat Day attendance increased by 42% or 2,105 student attendees. February 2023 and April 2023 attendance set new records for the largest student attendance.

Campus Events	2021-22	2022-23	Y2Y Difference
Bobcat Day Student Attendance October	692	740	48
Bobcat Day Student Attendance November	1,192	1,433	241
Bobcat Day Student Attendance February	1,551	2,536	985
Bobcat Day Student Attendance April (preliminary)	1,545	2,376	831
<b>Total Student Attendance</b>	<b>4,980</b>	<b>7,085</b>	<b>2,105 or 42%</b>

Dr. Cynthia Hernandez reported that as of Monday, April 17, 2023, there are over 5,900 housing applications, which is an increase of about 209 from last year.

Dr. Hernandez mentioned that the Hilltop Housing Complex is still on schedule to open fall 2024 and discussions are underway regarding new ideas such as acquiring new buildings, purchasing land to build, and other strategies to address future housing needs.

4. **Graduate Admissions Report** – Dr. Andrea Golato provided the Council with a graduate admissions report. For fall 2023, there is decrease of 203 continuing master’s students but an increase of 25 continuing doctoral students. Dr. Golato reported that 36 Ph.D. students have applied for graduation for spring 2023 and the first student in the Ph.D. in Applied Anthropology program will be graduating.

## OFF AGENDA

- Dr. Bourgeois announced that Ms. Kali Fajardo-Anstine has been named a Guggenheim Fellow.