

Academic Affairs Council Meeting
July 18, 2023
Summary and Action Items

1. **Undergraduate Admissions Report** – Mr. Scott Ham provided the Council with an undergraduate admissions report. After 14 New Student Orientation (NSO) sessions, the first-year registrations are at 5,996, which is up 3.2% or 184 students. As of this morning, there are 8,437 NSO sign-ups, which surpasses the final headcount of 8,410 from 2022. Year to date, the first-time college NSO registrations are at up 3% or 253 more registrations than this time last year.

First Year Applications	Year to Date comparison	%
2023	42,692	
2022	34,294	
Difference	8,398	24%

Fall 2023 transfer applications will post at the end of the month on July 31, 2023. Spring 2024 applications are now live through ApplyTexas and Common Application.

Nick Weimer reported that the “not TSI satisfied rate” is lower than last year. There are many more class seats available than last fall (roughly 1,500 in Math and 700 in English); most of the seats are full.

Dr. Bourgeois reported that Texas State has 7,344 FTIC students who have contracts for housing, which is an increase by 5% from last year. As of yesterday morning, 741 exemptions have been approved from living on campus for a grand total of 8,085.

Transfer numbers are trending up from last year; the relationship with Austin Community College appears to have an impact on these numbers, given the increase in the number of transfer students from ACC.

Transfers	Year to Date comparison	%
2023	5,708	
2022	5,376	
Difference	332	6.2%

2. **Graduate Admissions Report** – Dr. Andrea Golato provided the Council with a graduate admissions report. The Graduate College is still receiving a small number of graduate student applications, and is focusing on processing spring 2024 applications. The Graduate College is reaching out to students who have scholarships available or who have the new Run to R1 assistantships. Dr. Golato reported that, for the fall, the college has made all of the assistantship

offers. Some international students are experiencing delays with visas or IT issues (TXST's Duo protocol).

OFF AGENDA

Dr. Mandayam introduced the council to Dr. Jennifer Speed, Assistant Vice-President for Research Development. Her office will coordinate large-scale grant proposals and support faculty in growing their research with external funding.

Dr. Bourgeois brought up legislation that was directed at DEI and IE initiatives in Texas. There will be an update from the President's Office in the coming weeks about the status of these items at Texas State University. A discussion was held on the verbiage of job descriptions and what would be interpreted as a diversity statement.

Dr. Bourgeois discussed post tenure review and the SB18 legislation. At the TSUS level, general council has been in discussion with chief academic officers. A discussion was held amongst the council about this topic.

Dr. Thorne informed the council about a call for new staff positions. There was an announcement mid-June from the President stating that \$950,000 was allocated for this upcoming fiscal year for new staff. The Provost's Office will implement a quick internal process for receiving dean/AVP staff priorities and making Academic Affairs' recommendations to the President.

Dr. Bourgeois mentioned that, on August 6,7, and 8, at President's Cabinet Advance meeting, the cabinet will be reviewing each division's strategic plans. He will present priorities from Academic Affairs, including faculty salaries and workload, new instructional faculty title series, new academic programs, and other strategic areas.

Dr. Sriraman notified the council about the 10+1 doctoral (DNP) programs that he has been working on, including five face-to-face programs and five online programs. The new academic program proposals will go before departmental curriculum committees next Monday and a week after, to the University Curriculum Committee.

Dr. Michael Supancic expressed concern about communication on the ten programs and the DNP going forward at the same time. The University Curriculum Committee will have a short timeframe to review the doctoral proposals.