

**Academic Affairs Council Meeting
August 1, 2023
Summary and Action Items**

1. **New Online Programs** – Dr. Thilla Sivakumaran addressed concerns and questions from the deans regarding online faculty workload as well as how the budget would work and other factors in online programs through the TXST Global division. Topics included the types of faculty teaching in online programs, the use of academic assistants/graders, class sizes, future plans for current online programs, and student success. Discussion was held amongst the group.

2. **Reorganization of the Division of Research** – Dr. Shreek Mandayam shared with the Council an updated organization chart for the Division of Research, which is designed to provide more extensive support and capacity-building for increasing sponsored programs, especially from federal sources.

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

Milestones this week:

- The 7,641 registered freshmen surpass the 7,636 record set in fall 2022.
- Fall 2023 transfer, readmits, and non-degree applications closed on July 31.
- Fall registration (as of July 30, 2023): 38 days to the 1st census day

Fall	2022	2023	Difference
Overall Headcount	36,846	37,848	1,002 or 2.7%
Overall Credit Hours	445,572	465,234	19,662 or 4.4%

Fall freshmen application record:

First Year Applications	Current Apps to 2022 Final Apps	%
2023	42,718	
2022	34,294	
Difference	8,423	25%

Payment Schedule

Billing Schedule	Fall Tuition Statements Sent	Aid Dispersed to student accounts	1 st Payment Due	1 st Drop for nonpayment	2 nd Drop for nonpayment	Census Day Drop
Date	August 1, 2023	August 11, 2023	August 17, 2023	August 18, 2023	August 29, 2023	September 6, 2023

One-Year Retention as of July 30, 2023:

Fall to Fall Retention	2022	2023	Difference
First-year Retention	4,978 (80%)	5,829 (79.3%)	851 or 17%
Transfer Retention	1,985 (82%)	1,837 (84.5%)	(148) or (7.4%)

Dr. Hernandez announced that 7,242 housing contracts has been approved, which is up 4.32% from last year; 911 housing exemptions have been approved. She also mentioned that occupancy has been tripled in Blanco Hall and doubled in Smith Hall, with students notified in advance. TXST signed a master lease with an apartment complex and will likely need to temporarily house some students at a local hotel.

4. Graduate Admissions Report – Dr. Andrea Golato provided the Council with a graduate admissions report. She reported that we have met our fall PhD R2R1 goal and staff in The Graduate College continue to contact students who were awarded scholarships to get them to register as soon as possible. We are still receiving about 20 applications for the fall semester. Admissions for all 2024 semesters has opened.

Dr. Golato also announced Graduate Student Orientation on August 9 on the San Marcos Campus and on August 16 on the Round Rock Campus. This orientation consists of a meet and greet with campus support offices along with information sessions to help students familiarize themselves with what TXST has to offer to support their graduate education.

OFF AGENDA

Dr. Hernandez announced that deans can still contribute to supporting programs for Hispanic Heritage Month.

Dr. Bourgeois informed the Council of the Academic Affairs Strategic Plan priorities that he plans to put forward at the upcoming Cabinet Advance.

Dr. Debbie Thorne announced that our division submitted 37 requests for new staff positions, and we prioritized seven (7) for presidential consideration. This is the \$950K allocated for the entire university for new staff positions.

Dr. Thorne also announced that those receiving tenure and promotion will be recognized at a presidential reception in November, therefore the engraved Jefferson cups and paperweights will be picked up by colleges to distribute as they wish. Colleges will also collect presidential award certificates and years of service pins and certificates.