**College of Health Professions**

**College Council Summary & Actions**

**November 8, 2023**

**Announcements/Information**

1. Fall Bobcat Days – February 17 (Dr. Rohde), and April 20 (Dr. Ari)
2. Webinar – Innovation & Commercialization, Friday, November 10, 10-11 a.m. (Zoom)
3. Football Watch Party, Saturday, November 11, 1:30-5:30 p.m., Quad & Avery 252 (RRC)
4. Using AI For Literature Reviews Workshop, Friday, November 17, Nursing 114 (RRC): The council requested a zoom link and recording of the session for those who cannot attend.
5. Health Scholar Showcase – Friday, March 1, 2024 (SMC)
6. CHP Research Forum and Dean’s Seminar – Thursday, April 11, 2024 (RRC)
7. CHP Outstanding Student Awards Luncheon – Friday, April 26, 2024 (RRC)
8. Other

**General Discussion**1. FY 24 Student Travel Funds Allocations (criteria and draft proposal) – Handout (Drs. Ari & Bezner):  
 The council tabled this agenda item until the rubric is ready to take action on the policy.  
2. BSHS New Course Offerings – Fall 2024 (Bezner): Dr. Bezner provided an update to the council  
 about the new BSHS courses that are going through the approval process and will be offered in the  
 Fall 2024 semester. The committee will then determine how many sections will be offered, assign  
 workload, and recruit faculty to teach the courses. The courses will be primarily taught on the SM

campus, some will be taught online. The descriptions of the new courses will be sent to the council.  
 By mid-spring, the chairs/directors will tell the committee who will teach the courses.  
3. Update on SON Director Search (Sayed): The Dean updated the council that WittKieffer has been  
 finalized as the search firm to conduct a national search for the director in the School of Nursing. A  
 contract is currently under review by the provost’s office and a search committee will be formed  
 with faculty and staff. The council was asked to submit nominations (Tenure-track, Non-Tenure Line)  
 to the Dean for the committee. Sara Boysen will serve on the committee as the staff member from  
 the Advising Center. The Dean will continue to provide an update to the council on the status of this  
 search.  
4. Search Committees – Associate Dean (AD) and SON Director (Sayed): The Dean updated the council  
 on the second AD search. The Office of the Provost has been incredibly supportive in converting the  
 50% AD position to full-time and hiring an additional full-time AD. CHP will have two full-time AD’s.   
 The council was asked to submit nominations to serve on the search committee (faculty and staff).   
 Dr. Bezner will serve as the chair of the committee. The deadline to submit applications for the AD   
 search is November 15.  
5. New Program Priorities (Sayed): The Dean shared the results of the polling of the program proposals   
 that the council was asked to rank. The results were sent to Dr. Bourgeois, Provost, Dr. Sriraman, VP   
 of Curriculum Services, and Dr. Thillainatarajan “Thilla” Sivakumaran, VP of Global effective Fall 2024.   
 The chairs/directors and the Dean voted. The ranking is as follows: 1-MS in Dosimetry (online), 2-MS   
 in Physician’s Assistant, 3-MS in Health Informatics (online), 4-DMS in Medical Science, 5-DSc in   
 Physical Therapy, 6-PhD in Health & Rehabilitation Sciences. Undergraduate programs will be   
 revisited. This ranking has been submitted to Dr. Sriraman. The list of top priorities will be shared   
 with the cabinet.   
6. Marketing Campaign (Sayed): The Dean met with the VP of Marketing and Communications.   
 Although they don’t have funds to financially support a marketing campaign for the college, they will  
 work with the college to implement a marketing campaign. The college will be responsible for the  
 cost. The Dean asked the council to start thinking about their marketing needs and submit the top  
 three priorities for their programs to the Dean. An ad hoc meeting will be scheduled to finalize the   
 list of priorities that will be sent to the Division of Marketing and Communications to construct a   
 budget for the college. The Dean also encouraged the chairs/directors to think about marketing   
 materials (swags) for their programs that can be purchased from this campaign. The Dean plans to   
 roll out this marketing campaign in the spring.  
7. Undergraduate Common Application for CHP Degrees (Bezner): Dr. Bezner updated the council   
 about being approached by ITAC with an idea to explore a common app for undergraduate   
 applications. Dr. Bezner asked the council if there is an interest in a common app for their programs.   
 She asked the council to send her their current applications and what information is collected from   
 students.  
8. 2022-2023 First Designation Survey – Handout (Roesemann): Dr. Roesemann updated the council   
 about a pre-survey email received from Career Services for those graduating this fall. Dr. Roesemann   
 discussed the handout and asked the council to send her additional questions for the survey by   
 November 13. Career Services would like to send it out on November 25.  
9. Collegewide updates from chairs/directors, associate deans, and faculty senate (Sayed): Dr. David   
 Gibbs updated the council on his trip to Australia. He delivered a presentation with Karen Gibbs   
 (Physical Therapy) based on their published research article with co-author Dr. Barbara Hewitt. Dr.   
 David Gibbs, Dr. Karen Gibbs, and Dr. Barbara Hewitt were recognized at the International   
 Federation of Health Information Management Associations 2023 International Congress for   
 receiving the Best Paper for their collaborative peer-reviewed research article published in a special   
 issue of the Health Information Management Journal. Congratulations to all of them!  
 Dr. Irani informed the council that the last Senate meeting was a packed session. Eric Algoe was in   
 attendance, and they spoke about the RCM model. He added that with this hybrid model the Deans   
 will have control over how the budget is allocated to each department. The RCM budget model is   
 dependent on semester credit hours generated.  
 Dr. Kruse provided an update from the Council of Chairs Talent Acquisition that academic   
 departments will be charged for background checks for faculty. The council raised their concerns   
 since the departments will have an added expense. They are already responsible for paying for staff   
 background checks, and some student background checks. The Dean will provide more updates to   
 the council once this item is brought to the Academic Affairs Council’s attention. The council   
 discussed contacting a service provider to negotiate a rate at the college level.   
 Ms. Stiritz updated the council that their undergraduate Junior, Ana Hernandez, who presented a   
 poster last week with her faculty advisor, Dr. Maria Resendiz, in Portland, Oregon at the Society for   
 the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) research conference. The   
 poster was titled “Gender Bias in Machine Learning” and was well received.  
 Dr. Bezner is serving on the search committee for the next Provost and Executive Vice President for   
 Academic Affairs. She also informed the council about Physical Therapy is preparing to interview   
 almost 200 students on the Round Rock campus for their next admission cycle.

**Off Agenda**1.The College Council meeting will be cancelled on Wednesday, November 22. Dean wished the council  
 a wonderful thanksgiving break.