**College of Health Professions**

**College Council Summary & Actions**

**December 6, 2023**

**Announcements/Information**

1. Workload reports are due Thursday, December 7
2. College Review Group Meeting, Wednesday, January 10, 2024 (Zoom)
3. Fall Bobcat Days – February 17 (Dr. Rohde), and April 20, 2024 (Dr. Ari)
4. CHP Research Forum and Dean’s Seminar – Thursday, April 11, 2024 (RRC)
5. CHP Outstanding Student Awards Luncheon – Friday, April 26, 2024 (RRC)
6. CHP Fall Gathering – August 2024, (RRC)
7. CHP Training Program – September 20-21, 2024, (RRC)
8. CHP Scroll Ceremony – October 2024, (RRC)
9. Other

**General Discussion**

1. Search Committees: Update on AD, SON Director, CHP AA III (Sayed):

Associate Dean: Dr. Bezner, committee chair, informed the council that an introductory email has been sent out to the committee members to outline the process. A rubric will be created based on the position description. The committee will review applications and interview candidates in January before sending their top two recommendations to the Dean.

SON Director: The committee has been finalized. Dr. Marshall, committee chair, informed the council that they are waiting on a timeline for the search. Faculty and Academic Resources scheduled the inaugural meeting. The plan is to complete the search by the end of spring.

The AA III for the Dean’s Office posting is live and closes on Friday, December 8. Several applications were received.

1. Other: CHP Travel Policy – Dr. Bezner informed the council that the rubric is ready. Due to Dr. Ari being unable to attend, the final draft of the rubric will be shared and discussed at the next council meeting.
2. Holiday schedule – December 20-22 Energy Conservation Days (Raidah): The Provost authorized his direct reports to approve appropriate arrangements for offices that report to them. The Dean approved essential office staff to work remotely. Adequate messaging and signage will need to be included in case there are visitors. Dr. Roesemann will be the point of contact for the chairs/directors in case of emergencies.
3. CHP Dean’s Office Move (RRC) (Sayed): The CHP Dean’s Office is in the process of relocating to Avery 265. Student Success and Small Business will move to Avery 201 and the Campus Services Building. The plan is to complete the move by Winter break.
4. CRP Allocations (Trad): Dr. Trad allocated the computers to each academic unit for eligible employees. The deadline to order the CRP computers is March 8. Please contact Dr. Trad with any questions.
5. SB 17 Compliance (Irani): Dr. Irani provided the council with a brief description of the Senate Bill 17 that has led all Texas public universities to examine how they handle work, structure, and processes around diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). Some colleges have reported that their scholarships were pulled due to DEI statements. The DEI was removed but all the staff are still employed. TXST General counsel suggested removing diversity statements from their syllabi, websites, and job description. Faculty concern is that although it may impact hiring based on their interpretation of this bill, it should not be impacting student funding and scholarships. This is the purpose of the invitation to discuss at Faculty Senate since no clear guidance was provided before the bill will be implemented. The Dean added there is a listening session hosted by the Office of General Counsel scheduled for the Deans and chairs Monday, December 11 on the San Marcos campus. The council then discussed the implications of removing the DEI statement and collecting data for accreditation and scholarships like HRSA grants for disadvantaged students.
6. Other:  
   a. The Dean informed the council that University Advancement’s Directors of Corporate  
    Engagement is conducting a corporate partner management training in collaboration with  
    UNITE on December 12, 10am-3pm at the LBJ Student Center. Representatives are needed from  
    each college. The Dean will submit Drs. Kruse and Rohde to represent the CHP.

b. TXST 125th Anniversary: A representative from the university’s task force asked the Deans to  
 provide any planned events from their colleges that might include the community. The Dean  
 asked the  
 council to send Raidah any advance plans for events. The 125th anniversary of Texas State will be  
 celebrated next year.

1. Collegewide updates from chairs/directors, associate deans, and faculty senate (Sayed): The TRIO event is taking place December 9 on the Round Rock campus. CHP will have a table and presentation. Student Success is working with colleges for presentations and tours on the Round Rock campus. They are expecting over 300 high school students.

**Off Agenda**

1. The College Council meeting for Wednesday, December 20 is cancelled. The next meeting will be on January 3, 2024. The College Review Group meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2024.