**College of Health Professions**

**College Council Summary & Actions**

**January 31, 2024**

**Announcements/Information**

1. Fall Bobcat Days – February 17 (Dr. Rohde), and April 20 (Dr. Ari)
2. Faculty Annual Reviews from Chairs/Directors – March 1
3. CHP Research Forum & Dean’s Seminar – Thursday, April 11, 2024 (RRC)
4. CHP Outstanding Student Awards Luncheon – Friday, April 19, 2024 (RRC)
5. CHP Fall Gathering, August 2024, TBD (RRC)
6. CHP Training Program, September 20-21, 2024, TBD (RRC)
7. CHP Scroll Ceremony, October 2024, TBD (RRC)
8. Other

**General Discussion**

1. IPE Proposal and Q&A – Handout: Dr. Herrin presented the proposal for the collegewide IPE event. After the presentation, the council had an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback. The IPE committee suggested having the event in the Fall and in the Spring.
2. Faculty Instructional Titles – Handout: The Dean reminded the council to develop guidelines/policies at the program level as soon as possible to incorporate information for the implementation of the faculty instructional titles and send to the Dean. A collegewide policy will not be developed. Lecturers and Seniors Lecturers are eligible to convert to the new instructional titles. The Dean asked the council to send their questions to him regarding the faculty instructional titles to present to Dr. Thorne. If there is not a need to use these instructional lines, then chairs/directors are instructed to update the policy to include a statement that their programs do not require hiring their faculty under these instructional titles. Dean would also like to devote meeting time to review/discuss the T&P policies for the programs because they need to be rewritten.
3. RRC Classroom Maintenance Needs – First Call and Beyond First Call: The Dean asked Dr. Roesemann to provide an update on the classroom renovation needs since she is working closely with the chairs/directors. Dr. Roesemann reminded the chairs/directors to make sure the list provided is correct and to include classrooms and labs that are missing and should be on the list. She asked the chairs/directors to provide her with the rooms/labs that need renovation, and the type of renovation needed.
4. Strategic Enrollment Management (Sayed): Texas State University has contracted Dr. Jim Black, a consultant with Strategic Enrollment Management to meet with campus stakeholders. Deans meet with the consultant on February 6 to discuss program innovation, class scheduling practice, and barriers/pathways to credential completion. The Dean will provide an update to the council after his meeting.
5. Collegewide Updates (chairs/directors, associate deans, and faculty senate):
Dr. Gibbs (HIIM): Dr. Barbara Hewitt, Associate Professor, has been recognized as one of the two runners-up for the 2024 Online Teaching Award.

Faculty Senate: Dr. Irani provided an update to the council regarding Senate Bill 17, the overall summary is positive. Any questions regarding faculty hiring, and student activities, whether they fall under DEI, can be directed to General Counsel for guidance. Dr. Sriraman attended the meeting to share with the senate about pilot testing a more efficient process for curriculum changes to alleviate some of the administrative burden. The senate also had the new CIO Matt Hall as a special guest who informed the council about pilot testing Microsoft Copilot (Ai system for Microsoft). One hundred fifty (150) licenses are available for faculty to request access.

Dr. Ari: Dr. Ari spoke about an upcoming webinar on funding opportunities which was shared with faculty and the council members. She stated there is a need for support to get junior faculty to learn about funded opportunities and develop research programs. Dr. Ari asked the chairs/directors to encourage their junior faculty to register for the webinar. She reminded the council about the Research Forum followed by the Dean’s Seminar on April 11. Chairs/directors were asked to provide the number of faculty who will present at the forum. Lastly, Dr. Ari mentioned the Council of Funded Grants (under the DoR) that she is a part of as the Associate Dean of Research.

Dr. Kruse: Dr. Kruse provided an update on piloting the Accelerated Curriculum Cycle and was able to do a program change for their MHA program. The session went well. TXST Global was notified by the company they partnered with to develop online courses that they will not be able to develop any courses until June 1. They have a 12-week development cycle, which means all online programs that are planning to have a Fall 2024 start, will not be able to start until the second 8 weeks PoT. An announcement will come out soon.

Dr. Bezner: Dr. Bezner provided updates on Willow Hall such as escalating the ongoing issue of yellow water to Facilities in San Marcos to investigate. Faculty, staff, and students cannot drink the water. SMC Facilities will come to the RRC to take samples to be tested by the experts in San Marcos. Elevators in Willow Hall have been an ongoing issue and causing stress among students, faculty, staff, and patients. Facilities ran a report which showed an abnormal number of calls received, so this issue has also been escalated to the next level to get it resolved. Dr. Bezner will keep the Dean and the council updated.

**Off Agenda:**

1. The council will meet on February 7 to discuss an agenda item.