**College of Health Professions**

**College Council Summary & Actions**

**March 1, 2023**

**Guest 1:30-2:00 pm:** CDIS Chair Candidate, Dr. Shaum P. Bhagat

Dr. David Gibbs, search committee chair, gave a brief introduction of the candidate. Dr. Bhagat answered questions from the council. Dr. Welborn gave Dr. Bhagat an opportunity to ask questions. A survey will be sent out to the college council to collect feedback.

**Announcements/Information**

1. Faculty/Student Research Forum, April 12-14: Abstracts are due March 7.
2. Spring Bobcat Day, April 15: Dr. Rhode is delivering the CHP presentation.
3. Student Awards Luncheon, Round Rock Campus, Avery 4th Floor, April 21: The luncheon will be from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Chairs/Directors were sent a reminder to submit their outstanding student nominations by March 10.
4. Computer Replacement Program: Dr. Bezner reported computers have been ordered and some have already received their computers.
5. Intellectual Property (IP): The Dean informed council that a communication went out to the Dean of each college regarding faculty not being aware of the IP documentation process and activity to support research on the run to R1. She stated workshops will be offered for faculty at large on behalf of Dr. Shreek Mandayam, VP for Division of Research. More information to follow.
6. Other:
   1. Representative for the Graduate House: Two (2) representatives are needed. An email has been sent out to the chairs/directors.
   2. Family Campaign: The process will be similar to last year. Academic units will participate for the college.
   3. Affordable Learning Materials Committee: The Dean reported that the committee is disbanding because the activities have moved to John Root under Follett Discover Access. Dr. Bezner attended the Role of Open Educational Resources (OER) session that is under the library. The library will stop purchasing affordable materials (i.e., licenses, access, textbooks etc.) for students after this semester. Faculty Senate shares the same concerns because library will not offer free textbooks or any other affordable materials to students anymore.

**General Discussion**

1. Dean’s Search Update: The Dean reported dates scheduled to meet the candidates are March 9 and 10, March 21 and 22, and April 5 and 6. Chairs/Directors have been notified of their meeting with the candidates. The Dean’s office will receive a final schedule from Dean Golato’s office.
2. RRC Enrollment Targets for CHP Proposal: The Dean and Dr. Roesemann received a request from the provost for a 2nd proposal to increase nursing student enrollment by 2-5 times current admission numbers. This will be submitted by end of this week.
3. Other:
   1. Per the President parking costs will be reduced for the Round Rock campus. A new system will be adopted. More information to follow.
4. College Nominees for the Principal Investigators (PI) Council (formerly CoFR (Council of Funded Research)): Dr. Ari reported that a request came from Dr. Aimee Rountree for the Council of PI. The council will have a chance to meet with Dr. Mandayam to discuss grants. CHP representatives for each rank are Dr. Monica Hughes – Clinical Faculty, Dr. Maria Resendiz – Associate Professor (tenured), and Dr. Tiankai Wang – Professor.
5. Update on Esperanza Hall: The Dean reported that per President Damphousse, construction for Esperanza Hall is being paused and will be reprogrammed for a different purpose. Increasing enrollment on the RRC is the current priority and emphasis will be given towards building student housing and food services. The Dean indicated the Life Science Incubator project might still be a possibility.

**Off Agenda:**

* 1. Dr. Irani reported the following from Faculty Senate:
     1. The salary sub-committee is finalizing the salary report. CUPA data was used in the report. The report shows salaries have not kept up with the cost of living.
     2. University appointed two (2) faculty ombudspersons, Dr. Todd Jewell, and Dr. Colleen Myles and one (1) staff ombudsperson, Dr. Stella Silva. Ombuds Services website has been updated.
     3. Faculty course evaluation process: Faculty going up for tenure & promotion are concerned that sometimes the evaluations are not reflective of their teaching due to being skewed by student perceptions.
  2. Dr. Ari, Associate Dean of Research reported the following:
     1. Dr. Tiankai Wang (HIM) has received a grant from the Department of Transportation for $1.2M.
     2. Fifteen applications have been received for the CHP Research Coordinator position. The search committee will meet on March 2.
  3. Dr. Bezner, Associate Dean reported the following:
     1. Search Committee for the Vice President for RRC is under way. Representatives from CHP are Dr. Janet Bezner, Dr. Gregg Marshall, Dr. Barbara Covington, and Dr. Danette Myers.
     2. ITAC hired a new TSP staff member.
     3. Plans are moving forward for the CHP common electronic application program.

4. The Dean informed council that faculty recommendations for merit raises will follow the same  
 process as previous years. The Personnel Committee sends the recommendations to the  
 chairs/directors and then to the Dean.