

**Academic Affairs Council Meeting
January 25, 2025
Summary and Action Items**

- **Overview of the Inaugural Texas State University Research Showcase** – Dr. Aimee Roundtree provided a brief overview of the upcoming Texas State University Research Showcase on February 10, 2025. The schedule of events can be found on the [Research Showcase website](#).
- **Students Applying for Closed Scholarships** – A brief discussion was held regarding students applying for closed scholarships.
- **Budget Hearings** – Mr. Brendan Scott provided the deans with more information regarding the upcoming budget hearings scheduled for March 7, 2025.
- **Undergraduate Admissions Report** – Mr. Gary Ray provided the Council with an undergraduate admissions report. Highlights are as follows:
 - Spring 2025 enrollment will set an institutional record, surpassing the previous record of 35,847 set in 2017
 - Current SCH for spring 2025 is 472,984 which surpasses SCH in spring 2024 which was 437,040
 - We have 1,760 new students compared to 1,420 in spring 2024, an increase of 340 or 23.9%
 - FTIC Fall to Spring Persistence Rates 1/26/25

Cohort	FT Cohort #	Registered	Percentage	Not registered	Percentage	Canceled Reg
2024	7,848	7,284	92.8%	259	3.3%	305
2023	7,668	7,159	93.3%	273	4%	236

- For fall 2025, we have surpassed 43K (43,334) freshmen applications; we are just 1,823 apps away from matching the final total number of freshman apps last year (45,157)
 - February 22 is the next Bobcat Day —1,746 registered compared to 1,439 last year (up 307 or 21%).
 - New Student Orientation for fall 2025 opens February 3rd.
 - Tarrant County Community College signing ceremony scheduled for February 17
- **Graduate Admissions Report** – Dr. Andrea Golato provided the Council with a graduate admissions report. Highlights are as follows:
 - For spring 2025, overall enrollment is up 10.5%
 - For fall 2025, applications are up significantly as well as applications for the RRC and international student applications
 - Merit scholarships will be awarded soon

OFF AGENDA

- Dr. Shreek Mandayam briefly provided the group with guidance on the recent mandate from the Office of Management and Budget regarding a temporary pause of agency grant, loan and other financial assistance programs.