**College of Health Professions**

**College Council Summary and Actions**

**February 12, 2025**

**Guest:** Dr. Denise Gobert, Chair, WellCHPs Committee

**Announcements/Information**

1. Health Professions Programs Fair at TXST (SMC) – February 19
2. Spring Bobcat Days (SMC) – February 22 (Dr. Sayed), April 26 (Dr. Rohde)
3. Virtual Job Fair – March 4, 4:00 p.m. (Handshake)
4. Discover TXST Round Rock (RRC) – March 29 (Dr. Ari)
5. CHP Research Forum – April 10, 2025 (RRC)
6. Admitted Student Day (SMC) – April 12 (Dr. Irani)
7. CHP Outstanding Student Awards Luncheon – April 28, 11:30 a.m. (RRC)
8. Spring 2025 Commencement – May 10, 2:00 p.m. (SMC)
9. Summer 2025 Commencement – August 2, 2:00 p.m. (SMC)
10. Other

**General Discussion**

1. CRP Allocation Update (Kruse): Dr. Kruse informed the council of the two additional CRP allocations available for the college. The replacement computers must be ordered by March 7 to complete the CRP cycle.
2. Presidential Awards of Excellence – Finalize College Nominees (Sayed): The council voted and finalized the college nominees. The names will be submitted to the faculty and Academic Resources office.
3. WellCHPs Presentation & Q&A (Gobert): Dr. Gobert shared updates on the committee’s activities and the 2025 Initiative with a presentation. The council provided feedback and asked questions.
4. Communication with Dean (Sayed): The Dean requested the council to copy the Dean and administrative assistant, Raidah Murshed in all communications to outside constituents, and higher-ups in the university (other offices/divisions outside of the CHP). If the nature of the topic is highly confidential, then copying the Dean will be sufficient. For all communications regarding budget, funds, faculty/staff positions/lines to hire, etc., Julia Palacios, CHP Budget Specialist, must be included.
5. Spring Break Council Meeting (Sayed): The Dean requested that the March 12 meeting be moved to either March 5 or 19. A survey is forthcoming.
6. Ad hoc HS Curriculum Committee (Roesemann): Dr. Roesemann requested volunteers to form an ad hoc curriculum committee for the Health Sciences program since a department has not been established yet. She suggested forming a committee of three to five (3-5) members made up of undergrad faculty members from departments within the college.
7. Alpha Eta (Roesemann): Dr. Roesemann asked for input from the council on whether the college should continue to invest its resources in the Alpha Eta Honor Society and if it’s adding any value to the students. The chairs/directors suggested sending an interest survey to students to collect feedback. Dr. Roesemann asked the chairs/directors to provide their feedback before the survey is distributed and encourage students in their programs to complete the survey.
8. Collegewide updates from chairs/directors, associate deans, and faculty senate (Sayed):   
   Dr. Ari: requested a representative to serve on the IRB committee: criteria: experienced researchers and send recommendations to Dr. Ari. She also requested the chairs/directors to encourage their faculty to submit abstracts and present at the CHP Research Forum scheduled for April 10. Chairs/Directors can send their requests directly to Dr. Ari. Lastly, Dr. Ari mentioned that the CHP Training Program will be hosted by the college again in the Fall semester (September). More information is forthcoming.

Faculty Senate: Dr. Stickley informed the council that the University is supposed to decide whether to use Zoom or Teams since only one will be supported from now on. More information to follow.

Dr. Kruse provided additional updates on the information needed to prepare for the college’s budget hearings scheduled for March 7.

Dr. Bezner: The Virtual Career Fair is scheduled for March 4 and a training session is scheduled for the last week of February to prepare students. The session will be recorded. There will also be a 1:1 session available for students who are graduating to assist with resumes and interact with employers. Dr. Bezner reported issues in the lower level of Willow Hall by the PT clinic that students are rearranging furniture and not returning the furniture to its original location. She strongly encouraged the academic unit leaders to remind students to return furniture to its original location so that patients with mobility issues can access those areas easily. She also reported the student lounge on the 3rd floor being dirty and not being maintained properly by the students. Lastly, Congratulations to PT for having a 100% pass rate at their national PT exam this year. According to the recently published data, Texas State’s PT program ranked in the top 4% of all PT programs for first-time pass rates and top 20% in the ultimate pass rates. This is a significant accomplishment and recognition for the Physical Therapy program.

Dr. Lieneck met with Maritza Martinez (M\_c20), the Associate Director of Alumni Engagement and shared some important resources with the council (free merch for guest speakers, lightcast database, access to alumni list, etc.)

Dr. Roesemann is meeting with the new Associate University Librarian and asked about the needs of the programs offered on the RRC.

Dr. Marshall reported the poor return rate from student evaluations, which is an ongoing issue across other departments. The Dean suggested bringing this as an agenda item to the Council of Chairs meeting.

**Off Agenda**

* 1. The Dean provided the following updates from the recent AAC meeting:

-Flowers and plants can only be purchased from unrestricted accounts. State law disallows the purchasing of gifts, flowers, and plants from designated method (M&O) accounts. Contact the Dean’s Office for guidance. More information is forthcoming.

-Travel to six foreign adversary countries: China, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Russia, and Venezuela are not allowed for official business purposes (conference, invited speaker, etc.) and employees cannot carry university issued computers, cell phones, etc. to those countries. If personal travel is required to those countries, the appropriate forms must be filled out with the Travel Office for the Provost’s approval.

-Faculty members cannot change the title of the course on the syllabi. The course number and title must match the course schedule and university catalog.

-Spring Break: Energy conservation week and staff are allowed to work remotely. Signages must be posted outside offices with a phone number and email. Chairs/Directors are encouraged to accommodate appropriate work arrangements for staff. Each program’s main phone line must be answered during working hours. The academic units must provide the Dean’s Office with the designated contact person who will answer the phones.

* 1. The next council meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2025.