

Academic Affairs Council Meeting
March 18, 2025
Summary and Action Items

- **Retention Offers** – Dr. Aswath and Dr. Vedaraman Sriraman spoke to the deans regarding the increase in faculty retention offers and parameters in what would constitute extending a valuable retention offer.
- **Discussion of how Colleges are handling Non-Tenure Line (Instruction rank) promotion policies, including any credit towards promotion and composition of College Review groups** – After discussion, Dr. Aswath will meet with the Budget Director for Academic Affairs for clarification.
- **Undergraduate Admissions Report** – Mr. Gary Ray provided the Council with an undergraduate admissions report. Highlights are as follows:
 - Fall/summer registration begins on March 19
 - housing contracts YTD 5,627 vs. 4,523 – up 1,007 or 23% (2024 final contracts 7,120); 100% capacity = 8,137 in fall 2025
 - freshmen NSO – 3,432 of 10,325 target; 33% of target
 - FTIC merit offers are up 29% or 3,356 | acceptances are up 11% or 399
 - transfer merit offers up 19% or 140 | acceptances are up 75% or 119%
 - As of March 1, freshman class projection based on current admits 8,008 vs. 6,809 last year; this is an increase of 1,199 or 17%
 - Bats to Cats 354 applications (122 for fall)
 - Alamo Colleges has requested the Bats to Cats model. The request is being discussed, and a meeting has been scheduled for March 21 to discuss the details.
- **Graduate Admissions Report** – Dr. Andrea Golato provided the Council with a graduate admissions report. Highlights are as follows:
 - for summer 2025
 - increase in doctoral (due to Physical Therapy) and masters applications as well as master’s acceptances
 - 100% increase in the AOP program
 - increase in Round Rock enrollment
 - for fall 2025
 - increase in doctoral and master’s applications; masters acceptances but a slight decrease in doctoral acceptances due to programs still making decisions
 - enrollment increase in Round Rock and AOP program
 - R2R1 update – we need 27 students graduate, 55 have applied to graduate with 22 of them having their defenses scheduled (April 11 deadline)