**College of Health Professions**

**College Council Summary and Actions**

**April 9, 2025**

**Announcements/Information**

1. CHP Research Forum – April 10, 2025 (RRC)
2. Admitted Student Day (SMC) – April 12 (Dr. Irani)
3. Spring Bobcat Day (SMC) – April 26 (Dr. Rohde)
4. CHP Outstanding Student Awards Luncheon – April 28, 11:30 a.m. (RRC)
5. Spring 2025 Commencement – May 10, 2:00 p.m. (SMC)
6. Student Learning Outcomes Due – May 31
7. Summer 2025 Commencement – August 2, 2:00 p.m. (SMC)
8. TSAHP Annual Conference – September 18-19 (Brownsville)
9. CHP Training Program – September 26, 8:00 a.m. (RRC)
10. ASAHP Annual Conference – October 14-16 (Indianapolis)
11. Other

**General Discussion**

1. Update on Alpha Eta (Roesemann): At the previous council meeting, it was decided that an interest survey would be sent to the CHP students for their input on whether the Alpha Eta Honor Society should continue. One hundred sixty-three (163) students responded to the survey, indicating interest from those who participated. This item will be revisited in the summer when the committees/task forces are established.
2. Update on PT and SOHA Chair/Director Searches (Irani and Bezner): SOHA: Dr. Bezner, Chair of the School of Health Administration Director search committee, informed the council that three candidates have been finalized and invited to interview on the following dates: April 10-11, 16-17 and 23-24. The committee plans to send its recommendation to the Dean in early May. PT: Dr. Irani, Chair of the Physical Therapy Chair search committee, reported that the committee has decided to close this as a failed search due to not having enough strong candidates, scheduling issues, budgetary considerations, etc. The search will be reopened in the summer.
3. Admitted Student Day (Irani): The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 12. Close to 200 students have registered so far. Dr. Irani shared the agenda for the day and is currently working on the presentation. The CHP is looking forward to welcoming admitted students.
4. Update on Discover TXST Round Rock Event (Kruse): Dr. Kruse reported that the Discover TXST Round Rock event was well attended on March 29. There were a couple of areas that did not participate; therefore, the organizers were asked to coordinate with the Dean’s Office to ensure the CHP is properly represented in the future.
5. Summer Teaching Compensation (Sayed): The council members shared their concerns/feedback regarding the changes in summer teaching compensation. Faculty salaries will be prorated based on course enrollment. The council discussed the summer budget and its impact this year on salaries, workload, course enrollment, administrative assignments, clinical sections, etc. Academic unit leaders were asked to send their justifications for low-enrollment sections to the Dean to share with the provost. Summer funding requests are due to the Dean and Ms. Julia Palacios by April 23.
6. Collegewide Updates from Chairs/Directors, Associate Deans, and Faculty Senate (Sayed):

Faculty Senate: Dr. Kimberly Lee has been appointed as CHP’s next faculty senator effective May 7. She will be invited to attend the college council meetings. The Dean expressed his gratitude to Dr. Stickley, who is serving as the current faculty senator. Lastly, Dr. Stickley asked the chairs/directors to remind their faculty about voting on proposed amendments to the Senate Constitution.

SON: Dr. Garcia informed the council that the School of Nursing’s BSN program has been approved to have a small cohort of 20 students on the San Marcos campus beginning Fall 2025. TXST will be partnering with Christus Santa Rosa Hospital to utilize their facilities to deliver didactic lectures and sim lab experiences. This will allow SON to retain their increased enrollment numbers as well as help with finding additional clinical placements for SON students in the San Marcos, New Braunfels, and San Antonio areas.

Dr. Rohde informed the council that twenty-two (22) MLS students are presenting posters at a state meeting in Corpus Christi and the Research Forum this week.

Dr. Kruse mentioned that the Provost’s Office will incur additional costs related to accreditation site visits.

ADR: Dr. Ari reminded the council about the research forum scheduled on April 10. She also informed the council that the Health Scholars Showcase scheduled for April 4 went well and had a great turnout. Lastly, Dr. Ari provided an update on the Geriatric Health Research Initiative. As mentioned at previous council meetings, there are four (4) interdisciplinary teams that include fourteen (14) faculty members from six (6) academic departments, and they are doing an excellent job.

**Off Agenda**

1. Dr. Gibbs reported HIIM ran into issues with their workload report, where faculty were being counted twice for stacked courses. He is working with Joey Zekos in AA Budget and the Registrar’s Office. If the stacked courses are listed correctly in Banner/CourseLeaf in Schedule of Classes by the census date, the changes will be automatically reflected in the workload report. The other academic unit leaders also shared their issues related to the workload report and how they were resolved. Chairs/Directors can run a Logi report early in the semester, after the census date, to find the details of their course schedule to assist with workload reports.
2. The Dean announced that Dr. Scott Kruse, Associate Dean, will be leaving TXST to become the next Dean of the College of Health Sciences at the University of Texas at El Paso, effective July. On behalf of the CHP leadership team, faculty, and staff, the Dean expressed his sincere gratitude to Dr. Kruse for his hard work. Congratulations to Dr. Kruse!
3. Dean Sayed is working on revising a textbook. If chairs/directors and faculty are interested in writing book chapters, please send their names to the Dean by the end of summer.
4. The next council meeting is scheduled for April 23 at 1:30 p.m.