**College of Health Professions**

**College Council Summary and Actions**

**July 30, 2025**

Guest: Dr. Andrea Golato, Dean, Graduate College

**Announcements/Information**

1. Summer 2025 Commencement – August 2, 2:00 p.m. (SMC)
2. Fall 2025 Gathering & Retreat – August 20 (RRC)
3. College Open House Event – August 20 (SMC)
4. TSAHP Annual Conference – September 18-19 (Brownsville)
5. CHP Training Program – September 26, 8:00 a.m. (RRC)
6. Annual RR Campus Cookout – October 21, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (RRC)
7. ASAHP Annual Conference – October 14-16 (Indianapolis)
8. Fall and Spring Bobcat Days – October 25, November 22, February 21, April 25 (SMC)
9. Discover RRC Days – November 1, March 28 (RRC)
10. Bobcat Admitted Student Experience Day – April 11 (Tentative)
11. Other

**General Discussion**

1. Committee/Taskforces Update (Sayed): The Dean has reviewed the recommendations and revised the college committees. The revised list of committees will align with the five university initiatives announced by the President and the Provost. Chairs/Directors can nominate faculty who need service opportunities to serve on these committees. Nominations for the Committee on Committees will be sent to the faculty. More information to follow.
2. Curriculum Initiative – Dr. Andrea Golato attended the council meeting to discuss a curriculum initiative to offer some combined bachelor's/master’s degrees. This initiative will allow students to start a graduate degree while they are undergraduates. Dr. Golato discussed the benefits of these accelerated programs, including the impact on starting early, student credit hours, scholarship eligibility, financial aid, and other relevant factors. Any curriculum updates will need to be submitted in the upcoming cycle in the CIM and PIM systems. After the presentation, the council had an opportunity to discuss and ask questions. The presentation and handout will be shared with the council.
3. CHP PPS 04.02.20 Tenure and Promotion – Handout (Bezner): Unanimously approved by the council.
4. CHP PPS 03.04.07 Affiliation Agreements – Handout (Sayed): Unanimously approved by the council.
5. Collegewide updates from chairs/directors, associate deans, and faculty senate (Sayed):
	1. The Graduate College released new videos on their social media platforms of a few CHP programs and received positive feedback. Dean Golato encouraged departments to share their student success stories with the Graduate College on websites and social media.
	2. Dr. Bezner reported that the Round Rock Parks and Recreation department is creating a new community fitness center. This facility will be a world-class track and field fitness center. They are hiring physical therapists, and Dr. Bezner and Dr. Rich are interviewing candidates. This project will open future long-term opportunities for other potential healthcare professionals and CHP students to collaborate.
	3. Dr. Lieneck reported the issue with the Booksmart website, and it will be opened up to all graduate students in the Fall semester. The students will have to opt out if they are not required to use textbooks or other instructional materials. There were discussions on not adding administrators to email communications sent to only instructors or students.
	4. Dr. Gibbs reported that the university Bookstore will have a pop-up on the Round Rock Campus on August 27, and they offered to bring hard copies of textbooks for RRC students.
	5. The council requested clarification on the flyer approval process discussed at last week’s council meeting and whether all flyers need to be approved by Student Success or only student organization-related flyers. Raidah will get clarification.
	6. Faculty Senate: Dr. Lee reported that the automated voting for the Senate election has begun and will be open through August 4. There will be a runoff between August 11 and 15. This is part of the new selection process for faculty senate reps announced at the last council meeting. The faculty senate will appoint one senator, and the President will appoint one.
	7. ADR: Dr. Ari reminded the council to inform faculty to submit materials for grant submissions in a timely manner. The university has a 3-business-day policy before the submission deadline for the research coordinator to process all documents.
	8. Dr. Irani informed the council that the budget for REP has been doubled, and faculty are strongly encouraged to apply.
	9. Dean Golato informed that the website for graduate student orientation has been updated with great resources. Departments are welcome to use the information needed for the graduate student orientation course. Lastly, Dr. Golato mentioned the upcoming events hosted by the Graduate College: Wednesday, August 13 (San Marcos Meet and Greet), and August 20 (Round Rock Meet and Greet). On September 4, the Graduate College will host “Round Rock Day” for graduate students on the RRC to meet with the team.

**Off Agenda:**

* 1. The Dean reminded the council that in the summer, departments were asked to establish goals for each of the five university initiatives for the next academic year. Chairs/directors were asked to keep track of the progress made on these initiatives, and periodically, the Dean’s Office will reach out to the departments for progress reports. All colleges were asked to do this by the provost.
	2. The Dean reported the new process implemented by the provost for faculty hiring (resignations, retirements, new hires, replacements, etc.) via a college faculty hiring plan. Similar to last year, the requests are sent by the departments to the Dean regarding their faculty hiring needs. The Dean’s office reviews and finalizes the hiring plan for the provost. The hiring plan requests are reviewed in the Spring for the upcoming fiscal year. The process for the next fiscal year is forthcoming. The Dean will meet with the chairs/directors to identify their faculty hiring needs. Lastly, he informed the council of the CDIS tenure track search currently in progress.