

Joint Council of Academic Deans and Faculty Senate Meeting  
March 25, 2015

**Summary and Action Items**

- STAR Park Mission: Mr. Steve Frayser presented the group with the focus and mission of STAR Park. STAR Park will begin development of a strategic plan which needs to be integrated into Texas State University's University Plan/Strategic Plan for Research. Mr. Frayser asked the group to send him feedback on how their areas could become engaged with STAR Park.
- Shared Governance: Discussion was held on the fostering of shared governance ensuring more involvement by tenure line and non-tenure line faculty.
- Financial Aid for Stand Alone Certificate Programs: Dr. Michael Heintze explained to the group that federal student financial aid will no longer be extended to students who are enrolled in stand alone certificate programs (non-degree seeking programs) effective June 1, 2015. There are a very few number of these students and their options would be to enter into a degree-seeking program or seek an alternative loan. The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships will reach out to these students informing them of this new information.