

Council of Academic Deans  
January 27, 2015

**Summary and Action Items**

- House Bill 5: Central Texas Update: Dr. Dann Brown discussed with the Council a recent E3 Alliance presentation on the impacts of House Bill 5 in Central Texas (specifically students from Austin, Round Rock, Bastrop, and San Marcos Independent School Districts). This presentation included information on new standards for high school diplomas and introduced the concept of endorsement pathways/career technical clusters in public high schools. CAD members discussed potential impacts of HB 5-mandated changes on academic preparedness, the pool of future students, and expectations of students who complete these programs as they arrive on campus.
- Registrar's Email about Expired "I" Grades: Dr. Andrea Golato discussed with the Council the message routinely sent to departments/schools informing them of which student's I grades are converted to an F. This email also describes the process of extending I grades for students. The Council agreed that this instruction would no longer be included in the email. If it is determined that an extension is justified, the extension would need to be processed through the normal "change of grade" process. Dr. Michael Heintze and Dr. Golato will work with the Office of the University Registrar to change the text of the email accordingly.
- Undergraduate Admissions Report: Dr. Michael Heintze provided the Council with the undergraduate admissions report.
- Graduate Admissions Report: Dr. Andrea Golato provided the Council with the graduate admissions report.

**OFF AGENDA**

- Adjunct Budget Review: Dr. Cynthia Opheim asked the deans to inform their chairs/directors that the adjunct budget review process has been finalized and to announce the results in their college council meetings.
- Non-Merrick One-Time Funding: Dr. Bourgeois announced to the Council that President Trauth has approved immediate funding in the amount of \$795,225 for the equipment requests made by Agriculture, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Engineering Technology, Physics, Mass Communication, and Radiation Therapy.
- Dr. Bourgeois announced that Mr. Joe Meyer has been chosen as the TSUS Regents' Staff Member for 2015.
- Dr. Bourgeois asked the Council to encourage attendance to the Round Rock Speaker Series events.
- Dr. Bourgeois announced that Dr. Edna Rehbein's title is now Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs.
- Dr. Bourgeois announced that our Hazlewood costs will be increasing.