

## Academic Affairs Council Meeting

August 20, 2024

### Summary and Action Items

1. **Graduate Admissions Deadlines** – TXST Global Admissions would like to propose standardizing the application deadline dates for fall, spring and summer terms. Currently there are 79 different deadlines applicants must navigate to successfully apply to The Graduate College. Establishing a singular, front-facing priority date for funding and application consideration allows the university to recruit, market, and attract applicants to The Graduate College. Similarly, setting an application deadline for each term will maximize the time frame for prospective students to apply. Programs, namely those with limited capacity concerns, may request their application be closed any time between the established priority and application closing deadlines.

The proposed application priority and closing dates to be posted on all program pages are as follows. They are the same for domestic and international applicants.

Semester	Priority Deadline	Application Close
Fall	Feb 1	Aug 1
Spring	Sep 1	Jan 1
Summer	Jan 1	May 1

The Council endorsed this proposal. This item will now be brought to the Graduate Council for consideration.

2. **New full-time definition for master's students** – Dr. Andrea Golato shared with the Council an implementation task list of administrative changes and communications necessitated by the change in the TXST definition, effective fall 2024, of full-time enrollment for all master's students to a minimum of 6 credit hours per semester (and half-time at 3 credit hours).
3. **Bobcat Bounty** – Dr. Angela Ausbrooks spoke to the group about broadening the work of Bobcat Bounty and moving it from a school level to university level initiative. If anyone has any initiatives or ideas to bring more awareness of the importance of TXST's Bobcat Bounty, please contact Dr. Ausbrooks directly.
4. **Signed/Approved Documents** – Dr. Aswath asked the deans to remind their units of the seriousness of manipulating documents that have already been signed and approved and should never be done.
5. **Promotion Process for Faculty of Instruction** – Dean Fleming asked on the process for FOI promotions going forward. It was mentioned that a specific university policy is in draft and will be sent out for review addressing NTL promotions starting in the FY 26 promotion cycle. It was discussed that FOI promotions will now be completed via the Faculty Qualifications system and comply with the published promotion calendar by FAR annually.
6. **Adjunct Pool for the Round Rock Campus** – Dr. Aswath presented a proposal to the deans regarding creating an adjunct pool specifically for the Round Rock Campus that Dr. Lessiter could manage; hiring decisions would still be made by the respective dean. The deans were in agreement and discussion was held on how this process would work.
7. **Phi Beta Kappa Update** – Dr. Heather Galloway provided a brief update on TXST being awarded a Phi Beta Kappa chapter. TXST is now only the fifth public university in Texas to have been awarded a chapter. PBK scholars will be inducted starting spring 2025.

8. **Undergraduate Admissions Report** – Mr. Gary Ray provided the Council with an undergraduate admissions report. He shared highlights from undergraduate admissions activities and registration.

- The final new student orientation catch-all session is today in San Marcos.
- This fall, we have disbursed over \$158.4M for 25,199 students' registration bills. This is an increase of \$10.2M (6.9%) and 3,092 (+14%) students, respectively, compared to last fall.

**Fall Enrollment Benchmarks & Drop for Nonpayment and Press Day Numbers**

	Friday before classes begin - drop for nonpayment	7 <sup>th</sup> Class Day	12 <sup>th</sup> Class Day – Census Press Numbers	Final Census Day 20 <sup>th</sup> Class Day
Fall 2023				
Dropped for nonpayment	893	106	10	
Extended	365	55	0	
<b>2023 Confirmed</b>	<b>37,878</b>	<b>38,818</b>	<b>38,871</b>	<b>38,722</b>
<b>2024 Confirmed</b>				

**International Student Enrollment History**

	Graduate	Undergraduate	Grand Total
Fall 2021	388	166	554
Fall 2022	522	191	713
Fall 2023	654	290	944
Fall 2024*	807	643	1,450

\* Fall 2024 registrations as of 2024-08-19.

*International FTIC applications came from 68 countries. The top countries are Nepal, India, Bangladesh, Nigeria, Ghana, and Uzbekistan.*

The **Bats to Cats Transfer Program** with Austin Community College will begin this fall. The partnership is already yielding some promising early results.

**Transfers by Institution as of August 15, 2024**

	Fall 2023 YTD				Fall 2024 YTD				Difference		
	Apps	Admits	Deposits	Yield	Apps	Admits	Deposits	Yield	Apps	Admits	Deposits
Austin Community College	918	810	582	71.9%	1,102	956	781	81.7%	184	146	199

**First-year student's 1-year retention Y2D as of August 19, 2024**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>Y2Y diff</b>
Headcount registered	4,970	5,682	6,232	+550
Percentage	80.2%	78.4%	81.3%	2.9%
Not Registered	15.1% or 938	16.9% or 1,240	16.1% or 1,238	-2
Cancelled	288	385	191	-194
FT Cohort Headcount	6,196	7,307	7,668	+361
Final headcount %	4,961 (80%)	5,665 (77.5%)		
Diff current and final headcount	+263	+6		

**Fall 2023 1-year Transfer Retention – as of August 19, 2024**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>Y2Y diff</b>
Headcount registered	2,054	1,822	1,927	105
Percentage	84.3%	84.3%	86.2%	1.9%
Not Registered	13.3% or 324	12.4% or 270	12.1% or 272	2
Cancelled	56	69	37	-32
FT Cohort Headcount	2,434	2,161	2,236	75

- 9. Graduate Admissions Report** – Dr. Andrea Golato provided the Council with a graduate admissions report. She reported that we are up in applications, admissions and enrollment. She also reported that of \$2.7M scholarship offers, \$1.2M have been accepted. The scholarship yield has actually increased by 7.7%.