

Provost Council
Feb. 16, 2011
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
MB 3.106 Regents' Room

AGENDA

PARKING CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

SHELLEY DEATS

Parking – Impact will be felt by everyone: faculty, students, and staff. We are not displacing anyone we are relocating (parking humor). Parking lot by child development center is 80% open most any day of the week. **Q&A:** Since there are no raises being proposed (due to budget cuts) for the next several years will you all be taking that into consideration when you start talking about raising parking cost? Has there been any mention of walk-ways from lot 8 to North Paseo, right now there is grassy patch? Teachers coming on campus after their full time job, will there be close parking for them? Strongly encourage video conferencing for 1604 campus meeting, helps all around - ITC & DT people won't have to worry about parking woes at 1604.

HEALTH PROFESSIONS PRESENTATION

**ALAN VINCE &
NICOLE REYES**

Health Profession – start out by thanking Dr. Williams for his support over the past 5 years. Even though students are not required to check in with any of our advisors we do get to advice a good number of students going into health professional careers from a wide variety of medical areas – pre-med, dentistry, pharmacy, nursing, etc.

- A type of support done for students is “letters of evaluation” required as part of application process to Health Professions. Serves as form of support and advocacy. Allows students to see their progress and letters are sent out to Health Professional Committees.
- JAMP programs established in 2003 won Texas Star Award this year. Currently has 10 students enrolled. Each state supported school guarantees two slots per school per year.
- Dental Early Admission Program-rigorous program has 3+4 program, 20 students currently in program.
- Health Professions Day is coming up on February 28, encourage all to attend at UC Ballroom. Reps from several health professions around state and country. Topics will include medical school

application process, pharmacy schools will be present, coordinated with Ambassadors. Expecting 600+ high school and college students.

Q&A: How do we compare to UT Dallas (behind very little) and UT Arlington (similar)? What type of help are student given as far as preparing for MCAT? (MCAT reviews are offered through Honors College, have fewer application lately but quality is a lot higher)

We encourage students to find a balance: first year focus on academics then excel in whatever you're most passionate-volunteer, shadowing helps a lot.

VP RESEARCH ANNOUNCEMENT

ROBERT GRACY

VP Research – Research Collaborative – CTRC moving forward, close to completing agreement, working on dates for colleges to meet collaborators.

ALL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CAREER FAIR—MARCH 2ND

LISA FIRMIN

Lisa Firmin – Career Day – thanks to deans for responses. Government Federal Career Summit – March 2 hosted on campus. Vendors on board: OPM-Office Personal Management, Department of Defense, National Security Agency, VA, USPS, EEOC, Senior Executive Services, 14 companies in all, how to get internship and hired through federal government. We are partnering with colleges to have presenters.

GRADUATE STUDENT INSURANCE

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Graduate Student Insurance – passed bill – state no longer covering full premium, all are eligible to get full insurance. We are paying ½ for student and will discontinue. Alternative for students is they have the option to be covered under student health plan, we will increase stipend in order to cover full coverage under student health insurance. No institution premium sharing. How do you want to handle this in your college? We can have every graduate program include this in their fall orientation. Insurance laws have increased age to 26 years/stay on parents insurance.

CONSORTIUM FOR SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION RECEPTION

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Reception for Consortium for Social Transformation: BB University Room @ 5:30 on February 23.

\$10,000 BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

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\$10,000 Bachelor's Degree – President was in Austin and many people in position of power behind this. When it comes to education you get what you pay. What's the true cost of teaching a course, on-line course possibility? What does it mean to offer this type of degree? Not holding any one to volunteer to work on this but if you have some ideas please share.