

**Provost's Council**  
**January 28, 2015**  
**3:00 – 5:00 pm**  
**Assembly Room, JPL 4.04.22**

**AGENDA**

**CENTER FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**

Brian Halderman, Program Director for the Center for Civic Engagement, met with the Council to update them on the recent designation by the Carnegie Foundation with the Community Engagement Classification, which recognizes the university's commitment to serving our local community. Only 361 campuses have received this designation from the Foundation. The classification is effective until the year 2025. In addition to the Carnegie classification, UTSA received, for the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row, the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for General Community Service and Education. His office is planning campus celebrations during National Volunteer Week which occurs April 12 -18.

Brian also informed the Council regarding the work the Center does which includes:

- Service-learning course development and support;
- Faculty development for civic engagement scholarship and teaching;
- Cultivation of a civically engaged culture on campus;
- Develop additional student programming that enhances civic literacy and engagement;
- Enhance the university's relationship with community partners; and,
- Tracks university-wide civic engagement efforts and reports collective impact.

Brian also mentioned that his office is collaborating with Research on community-based research initiatives, developing a work-study program; developing a civics scholar program, working with the College of Public Policy on a minor in civic engagement that would be housed in the Department of Public Administration, and possibly hosting a civic engagement summit in the Fall 2015 to showcase the initiatives.

Brian then asked the Deans if they could:

- Have departments review course offerings and encourage designation of courses integrating community-based learning in ASAP or Digital Measures;
- Support faculty who want to teach service learning courses or conduct research in this area;
- Support faculty attending community engagement conferences

**SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES AND PROGRAM ASSESSMENTS (SACS)**

Dr. Sandy Welch, Sr. Vice Provost for Institutional Effectiveness, updated the Council on the progress on new assessment plans and the use of results for improvement reports. She mentioned that most departments are overdue on submitting both reports to her office. She encouraged the Deans to meet with their department chairs and ask them to submit the reports as soon as possible.

Dr. Welch also reminded the Deans to notify her office when then plan to close a degree/program as this is a substantive change and requires approval from UT System, The Coordinating Board and SACS.

## **FOUNDING FACULTY PROJECT**

Dr. Jesse Zapata, Sr. Vice Provost for Academic and Faculty Support, updated the Council members on the Founding Faculty project that his office, along with Dr. Kris Maloney, Dean of the Libraries, Rebecca Luther, Director of Communications, and others have been working on. Dr. Libby Rowe, associate professor in the Department of Art and Art History, and some of her students have been coordinating the research of pictures of faculty hired between 1971 and 1978 who retired from UTSA, are still employed at UTSA, or passed away while employed at UTSA. Their pictures will hang in the Faculty Center foyer and a reception is planned for March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **GOLDSTAR INITIATIVE**

Dr. John Frederick, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Dr. Mauli Agrawal, Vice President for Research, updated the Council members on the Goldstar Initiative as there seems to be confusion surrounding the initiative. Dr. Frederick and Dr. Agrawal developed talking points for the Deans and faculty. In essence, the initiative provides additional resources for faculty hiring—approximately 15 slots per year for the next four years. The additional faculty will be primarily associated with the five focus areas of expertise where faculty clusters and research excellence are already present at UTSA. Goldstar resources will be targeted to hire faculty who are active scholars and teachers and could be at the junior or senior levels (assistant, associate or full professors). Dr. Frederick stressed that the faculty will not be labeled “Goldstar” faculty—it’s just an additional source of funds that will be used for faculty hires in key strategic areas.

## **STRATEGIC PLANNING—UTSA 2020 BLUEPRINT**

Dr. Frederick and Sam Gonzales, Vice President for Student Affairs, updated the Council on the university’s strategic planning process. Instead of starting from scratch, the new plan will build on the 2016 strategic plan. Dr. Frederick mentioned that the vice presidents will oversee six pillars and that he and Sam Gonzales have been assigned “Educational Excellence” and “Superior Student Experience” although they will be able to provide input in the other areas. Each pillar will have a strategy leader who will be identified to oversee the topics in the pillar. Additional leaders will be identified to oversee the sub-topics and report back to the strategy leaders. The first phase will be to assess and benchmark each pillar and sub-topic so that we can see what we have accomplished and what our new goals should include. Dr. Frederick suggested that we use data from the GRIP and also look at our aspirants when completing the SWOT analysis. He also thanked those, in advance, who have been designated strategy leaders and encouraged them to put their teams together in order to meet the project deadline of March 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**2015 President’s Distinguished Diversity Awards nominations due by Feb. 6, 2015.**

**Reception for Visiting Fulbright Professor: Dr. Peter Csato  
Thursday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
Faculty Center Assembly Room  
JPL 4.04.22**

**Next Provost's Council Meeting:**

**Wednesday, Feb. 18th; 2:30 – 4:30;  
Regents' Room**

**Great Conversation:**

**Tuesday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>; 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
ITC; Tickets available on Great  
Conversation website:**

**<http://www.utsa.edu/greatconversation/>**

**Commencement Ceremonies May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>: Alamodome**