

Provost's Council
March 23, 2016
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Assembly Room, JPL 4.04.22

AGENDA

ASSESSMENT

Dr. Sandy Welch, Sr. Vice Provost for Institutional Effectiveness discussed assessment outcomes that SACSCOC requires for all educational programs, administrative support services, academic and student support services, research, and community services. She emphasized that SACSCOC will be looking for proof of continuous improvement for each of these areas. She provided a handout that included guidelines for conducting assessments. She also stated that Kacey Neece-Fielder will be contact with associate deans, or others who oversee assessment in the areas stated above, as the assessments are due in TracDat by October 1st of each year.

STUDENT SUCCESS TOOL

Dr. Welch discussed the new Student Success tool that we have contracted with through the Education Advisory Board. She stated that this will be a great tool for students, advisors, associate deans and faculty to use to enhance our student success efforts. Dr. Welch plans to give a demonstration and next month's Provost Council.

TOP SCHOLAR UPDATE

Lisa Firmin, Assoc. Provost for Recruitment and Diversity provided an update regarding the Top Scholars program. She stated that eleven offers were made for 2016-2017, which nine acceptances and two declined. She stated that the average SAT score for this cohort was 1433 (avg. score from 2015-2016 cohort was 1434). Of the nine that have accepted, five are male and 4 are female. She further stated that seven attended public schools, one attended a private school and one was home-schooled. The incoming students are intending to major in business, biomedical engineering, civil engineering, chemistry, computer science, humanities and kinesiology. She, and the other Top Scholar students, are very excited about the incoming cohort and feel that it is a well-rounded class of students.

SUMMER SCHOOL UPDATE

Rebecca Luther, Director of Communications for VPAA, provided an update on summer school project. She stated that we are currently at 50K semester credit hours (target is 70K SCH). In addition, there are 36 "Early Bird" students who have enrolled (Early Bird are incoming freshman). She is hoping that we will have more students enroll during UTSA Day which is scheduled for April 2nd. In addition, there

have been over 8,000 views of the website in the San Antonio, Houston, Austin and Dallas areas. The marketing materials, such as elevator posters and the flip flops, are in place and there will be a 2nd chance T-Shirt give-a-way on March 30th. The next marketing event will be to email alumni and working professionals which will hopefully increase our summer enrollment.

FACULTY RECRUITMENT

Dr. Frederick mentioned that he would like for the Deans to begin working on their faculty recruitment priorities for 2016-2017. He stated that Dr. Edwin Barea, Vice Provost for Resource Management, would be sending out an email to the deans with the standard set of instructions. The recruitment priority plans are due back to Dr. Barea by April 30, 2016. Dr. Frederick further stated that we should receive around \$7 million from tuition and fees, but that we will be facing budgets constraints due to other commitments that we need to cover. In addition, Dr. Frederick said that searches for department chairs may be ongoing, but need to be listed on the plans. Also, if the deans want to reopen any failed searches from 2015-2016, those also need to be listed as high priorities on the spreadsheets.

LEADERSHIP UTSA NOMINATIONS

Dr. Frederick asked the deans and the vice provosts to submit their nominations for the 2016-2017 Leadership UTSA program by April 15th. He stated that nominees should be employees who are currently in, or have the potential for, leadership roles. He would also like for the deans and vice provosts to include a brief explanation as to why their nominee should be considered for this program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

University Excellence Awards: **Thurs., April 14th; 2:00 – 3:00**
UC Ballroom

Next Provost's Council Meeting: **Wed., April 20th; 3:00 – 5:00**
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Commencement Schedule:

Honors College: **Fri., May 13th; 4:00**
Convocation Center

CACP, COEHD & COS: **Sat., May 14th; 10:00 – noon**
Alamodome

COB, COPP & UC: **Sat., May 14th; 4:00 – 6:00**
Alamodome

COE & COLFA: **Sun., May 15th; 2:00 – 4:00**
Alamodome