

AALT & Deans Meeting
April 8, 2026

1. Jason Reese Presentation

JR gave a presentation to deans and AACT for the position of Dean of Nelson Rusche College of Business. He will be presenting to college and departments over the next week.

2. NSSE Data

Karyn Hall

KH reported that NSSE data is compiled every two years and now that we are part of UTS they fund this process. The data will be ready very soon and can be used for work on strategic plan.

3. Strategic Planning

Jordan Barkley

SAIR will be a useful tool to assist with strategic planning. The college/big picture goals are different to those in the individual units. Need to determine what will be useful college goals.

We will plan a future meeting with workshop activity to set mutual goals.

FL stated the university strategic plan is very generic, need to look at specific goals for a unit strategic plan. We will form a Provost advisory committee and sub groups, there is a lot of work to be done before September. We will discuss further at our next meeting.

4. Budget

Jordan Barkley

JB stated the university budget hearing yesterday went well. AA had \$12.5 million worth of budget requests going into the process. We will receive \$450k LEER, we have already allocated \$1.3 million. We were approved \$2.9 million, which is by far the biggest portion of the total budget.

We are finalizing faculty salary increases and hope to have those out in the next week.

JB asked the deans to look at their requests and decide if positions must be filled this year, or can we use savings this year?

Any new positions or reorgs with salary over \$100k must have president approval.

Dustin Knepp, Jordan Barkley, Kim Childs, Gary Wurtz, Forrest Lane, Hans Williams,
Todd Brown, Tricia Cain, Jason Reese , Karyn Hall, Christina Sinclair, Chay Runnels,
Sharon Brewer