

Academic Affairs Council
October 27, 2020

1. **Scholarship Awarding Restructure** Erma Brecht/Jill Still
Erma gave an update on scholarship awarding and updates on endowed scholarships, over 90% of our scholarships are awarded to current students. We have 72 + scholarship committees and want to move to 8, one for each college, plus a general one, and for outside scholarships. This will help to target scholarship awarding to grow enrollment.

There was express concerned from Chair of Faculty Senate as well as several deans that the scholarship awarding should remain within the departments.
2. **Core Curriculum Committee Update** Christina Sinclair
Christina gave an update from the Core Curriculum Committee and provided documentation to the deans for adding a core class to the curriculum.
3. **Update on Provost Search** Anthony Espinoza
Anthony gave an update on the search for a new Provost, the ad has been placed and is available through various mediums. The timeline is to start reviewing applicants in November/December and to bring candidates to campus in February.
4. **Degree Plans/Degree Map Initiatives** Raquel Skidmore
Raquel asked the deans to ensure their degree map initiatives were updated on line as this greatly assists with advising. She asked each dean for the correct contact person for this information, should this be department chairs?
5. **Nuventive Improve Training** John Calahan
John Calahan provided a timeline for Nuventive Improve training available. Anyone who currently uses this system will receive an email inviting them to attend a training session.
6. **Academic Advising Recommendations** Marc Guidry
As a result of the Reimagining Undergraduate Advising Committee, the committee provided two recommendations, the first was to offer training to current advisors. However it was felt by the committee that the solution to our current predicament would be to hire more undergraduate advisors.
7. **Timeline for DOOAA** Steve Bullard
Dr. Bullard and the Developing Organizational Options for Academic Affairs committee (DOOAA) have been meeting each Friday, looking at options for an academic reorganization however, the timeline has now changed. Dr. Gordon does not want to make any changes until the new Provost is in place so they can have input. Therefore, no final decisions will be made until that time however, the planned timeline is still for changes to be implemented fall 2022.
8. **Strategic Priorities for Academic Affairs – Cabinet Retreat** Steve Bullard
Dr. Bullard presented strategic priorities submitted to the Cabinet at a recent retreat, as a result of information provided by the deans. This will be a continually changing document.

9. **Updates:**
RELLIS

Steve Bullard

Signing with RELLIS is scheduled for October 29, both here and at College Station.

Aviation Program

Currently meeting to finalize this agreement in order to offer aviation program at SFA.

LSC Kingwood

Discussions continue with Lone Star Kingwood.

10. Any Other Business

Deans Council	Academic Affairs Council	Chairs Meeting
		November 5 th at 10:00 a.m.
November 4 th at 9:00 a.m.	November 18 th at 9:00 a.m.	November 19 th at 10:00 a.m.
December 2 nd at 9:00 a.m.	December 16 th at 9:00 a.m.	December 17 th at 10:00 a.m.