

AA Directors 1/29/25

Update from Judy

Search for new provost – ginger on committee they will get access to applicants 2/14 21 AND 24 phone and zoom interviews. On campus interviews in march.

MG, MR, CW, MD, BM, GW. Cindy, Heather, M. E., Mike, Raquel, Linda Reynolds, MW, SB, JA,

Presidents intention is to have an announcement by commencement May. Ready to start 8/1 could be earlier. There will be a public presentation on vision for university. Same firm used for senior VP enrollment and for president. System is heavily invested in this search.

COE dean search open chaired by Gary Wurtz following policy everyone represented on committee. Intend to finalize before end of semester. Cindy is on committee. The ad is posted and encourage all to share. System expects us to increase our external research funding person should have good experience in research and grants.

Searches for 3 academic unit heads right now and there will be a search for nursing, biology computer science.

Currently have 27 active faculty searches 3 non-TT

LAR will send electronic version of summary to directors \*\*\*\* does this include renovating library? JA will serve on this master planning committee should meet in February. (150m facilities request)

Investiture of the president UTS has a tradition to provide ceremony for new presidents scheduled May 1 in turner auditorium in the afternoon. Formal event ceremony to recognize new president JA is on the investiture steering committee meeting every other week. Hope to have a committed showing of faculty and staff.,

Received notification at cabinet re: ICE and police are in force across Texas, should we notice any ICE officials on campus you are not to allow them in to your office, classrooms, etc. immediately contact legal and UPD. They do not have right and authority to enter any buildings on campus except UPD And legal. Will notification will be going out across campus? JA will work with legal and get the word out. This is UTS guidelines.

Received notification about stopping of federal funding. Dr. Lane is working with general counsel an email will go out. We do have 7 M of federal funds, doesn't look like any of ours are in categories in greatest concern to trump organization. Unlikely to be any cease of action for grants at SFA. Federal

funding to individuals is excluded from this. UTS is on it. Stay tuned we do not think our grants will be affected. To be careful we are pausing purchase of equipment.

Campus was closed last week due to weather closed mon evening and Tuesday and team recommended to president to close campus. The weather missed us and no.

President says it is unlikely that we will cancel classes in future due to weather issues. We will be working with deans' council to support faculty to be prepared to pivot to virtual teaching to try to avoid cancelling classes in future. Unless known catastrophe or emergency we will not close. Faculty and staff should be in communication with their supervisors. Fully remote is a good option but understood that not everyone would have access.

CTL needs heads up perhaps on the committee to be able to pivot and move to online.

If we get a real emergency, it will wipe out power and we won't be able to work remote,

Updates from budget office Ginger Walker

Ginger there is a dynamic form for a new position or refill position request. It will go from director to Guidry for approval and then to Ginger to confirm you have budget. It does request posting number but you can enter "draft started". JA is using these forms to go directly to president. Trying to compress amount of time to get positions approved. Can make position number part of form optional so it does not hold things up. President has been charged with addressing number of faculty/staff faculty/student ratio. They are watching every dollar and every position request. JA believes this form will be useful and ultimately help the new provost.

Waiting on information from system before we can get budget calendar.

Auto registration process all ft freshmen and 30 hours to register English and sfas1101 going to program 7 hours go live early April.

2<sup>nd</sup> century committee update, MW and Brent on committee, met last 2 Fridays moving into sub committees (get the names from Megan) \*\*\*\* more information to come.

Overarching goal of committee to secure strategic plan needs to be ready by end Sep. MG said no expert on curriculum on that committee. He asked Damon could we have subject matter experts consulted on these issues and he said yes. Damon is serving as chief of staff and not in general counsel way.

Faculty awards ceremony 4/8/25 5.30 at Cole Art Center

New Faculty orientation 8/19/25

ACUE (xxx)Cindy we have 4 courses 51 complete 1<sup>st</sup> course and 47 completed 2<sup>nd</sup> course. 100% completion. This is an intensive course hearing great feedback. 2 more to go. 49 enrolled in 3<sup>rd</sup> course.

Creating supportive and inclusive learning environment – is the 3<sup>rd</sup> course.

Faculty get \$500 for each course they complete which is an incentive.

1<sup>st</sup> 2 courses name?? (Get from Cindy)

SEP at beginning stage, group 5 will be going to SEP institute in Austin amber Wagnon and Ed Ironsmith will be faculty representatives.

Annual program review Chris Wilson

Redesigning that form to address for recruiting retaining students. Goal is for institution to tell story most effectively and what area focus is at that time. We should all be focused on student success.

Faculty feedback prompts

Also, unit heads or deans can offer information provided by their programs. Provost office will be choosing the programs they want to meet with. Associate provost and CW will meet with all remaining programs. There will be reports coming from CW office on what they are doing and results getting.

Faculty how can respond to how they respond to university mission, to student success and work they do. We will add this item to deans' council \*\*\*\*

SACS 5<sup>th</sup> year report gearing up for that.

CW reviewed what was submitted to SACS uncomfortable how we proved completing with form open

MG said we have time for 2 cycles of assessment before SACS 5<sup>th</sup> year report due 2027.

Get update on CORI will provide email copy of report to all (get from MaryAnn) \*\*\*\*

Anyone looking to have a meeting or hold class the building will be open will arrange tours biggest thing CARRI is doing is bringing students to the university.

Economic development update working on annual report

500,000 faculty research projects

Applied 6m funding received one (get amount and name from Mary Ann) \*\*\*helped by Dr. Lane.

CARRI closely involved eco dev projects in the region. USA Bio energy going to open in Newton will be investing 2 billion in that plant.

Provalis here on campus work-based learning?? train on the job.

Elimini last power company in UK selecting site in deep east Texas.

Placed 36 interns across the region.

How can we improve scholarships and applied resources?

Degree Works/Smart Plan Install Mickey (SEP Student Educational Planner)

Replacing CAPP gearing up this semester pull out SEP and implement Smart Plan will put us in line with it correctly and implementation goes smoothly.

MG said we should look at parchment for digital wallet for students.

what our competition have, will be a great for students, will be live fall semester. Important that we do

Dynamic forms – 3,000 student forms through registrar office. Partnering with Parchment for diplomas this graduating class will receive digital diplomas as well as print. First one fall 2024.

Donna Burkett out of office medical leave, contact Mickey or graduation email.

Curriculum and admin changes.

Admin changes for COE and COLAA reorganizing units and moving degree programs, also closing some degrees. Plus, over 600 other curriculum changes in pipeline for this year. 10 programs will be closed without losing faculty. Save resources without losing jobs. Important to do this in right way. Also creating 5 new programs next year. Creating BGS bachelor general studies.

Jacks teach taking over teaching middle grade teacher courses.

New degree adds Engineering technology degree special item in LAR. Be great program for retention and recruitment.