

Deans Council
August 6, 2025

We welcomed Tricia Cain as the new Budget Director for Academic Affairs.

1. **Graduate Advising in Navigate** Megan Weatherly/ Alison Reed
Our Navigate contract is up for renewal in December and we have the option to add graduate advising at no extra cost.

This could be a way to improve student support and may be helpful to faculty advisers. It was felt graduate faculty prefer to work directly with the graduate students

MW/AR will obtain feedback from graduate coordinators and as there is no additional cost we will add to our contract.

2. **AARC Attendance** Megan Weatherly
MW explained we have seen growth in the AARC over the last year, we have data to show that if students go just five 5 times or more, they are more successful.

We want to ensure that we are reaching out to all students and tagging SI subjects in Banner.

All SFAS1101 students will receive a tour of the AARC within their first few classes. Sharon will provide information on college welcome back and convocations to MW, so someone from the AARC can reach out to faculty.

3. **Graduate Minors** Forrest Lane
We have over a dozen graduate minors, which are not used, the deans agreed these could be deleted. FL will submit a memo to the provost recommending deletion if they are not affecting any degree programs. Further discussion is needed regarding certificates.

4. **Forestry Space Needs** Hans Williams
HW stated that forestry faculty/staff will need space when the forestry research lab is demolished in readiness for the new entrepreneurship building. Space for storage will also be needed.

HW will be meeting with John Branch to discuss their needs. KC stated they have rooms available on 4th floor of Cole STEM.

5. **United Way 75th Jubilee**
Academic Affairs have purchased a table at the United Way 75th Jubilee, for September 6,

DK will be coordinating.

6. **Any Other Business**

Houston event October 2nd if deans have contacts who want to be invited, they should reach out to Jill Still.

If you have not already done so, everyone must complete the new HR NEOED training.

For the current time we will continue to use the dynamic form for faculty and staff replacements.

With regard to use of academic space, COLAA were a pilot group this summer. We have someone in the registrars being trained and this task will be centralized, which should help improve our SUE score.

The president mentioned faculty student ratio, we do not have a large number of under-enrolled courses. However, the Coordinating Board only recognizes a student as full time if they are registered for 15 hours. If enrolled for less, they are counted differently, this affects SFR.

Enrollment numbers look good for fall. We will probably reach 11,000 students.

We will have a dean's level retreat on September 5, further details to follow.

Tricia will provide budget information to the deans by mid-August.

Attendees: Jordan Barkley, Sharon Brewer, Marc Guidry, Megan Weatherly, Alison Reed, Tricia Cain, Kim Childs, Stacy Hendricks, Dustin Knepp, Gary Wurtz, Tim Bisping, Hans Williams, Forrest Lane