

**Academic Affairs Council Meeting**  
**February 13, 2024**  
**Summary and Action Items**

1. **EAB Implementation Updates** – Dr. Michael Preston provided the Council with an update on the university’s implementation of EAB Navigage360 software designed to enhance student support services and student success. The initial pilot of the software will launch in mid-March and students will receive communication about the initiative in May 2024. Academic advisors have a significant role in the software implementation.
2. **Academic Standing Policy Update** – Dr. Victoria Black presented the Academic Recovery Committee’s recommendations to be effective fall 2024. The formation of this committee was recommended by the Presidential Commission on Student Success. Recommendations include 1) revision to the language in the Academic Standing Policy to include multiple academic statuses based on GPA; and 2) the creation of an academic recovery program called Bobcats Bounce Back (B3).
3. **Initial Discussion of RCM Budget Model** – Dr. Pranesh Aswath reviewed with the Council the initial process of creating the RCM Budget Model Redesign Operational Team, including representation from college deans and department chairs/school directors. Full implementation of RCM is expected September 2026 (FY27). The Council noted the importance of training and communication to explain the benefits and impact of the RCM model to the university community.
4. **HEF Funding** – Dr. Matt Brooks provided an overview of Academic Affairs HEF funding requests. The Provost’s Office received \$1.5M in requests and has \$400K to distribute. The deans agreed that the best approach is to provide colleges with a set amount of funds to be used at the college’s discretion and in combination with college and department funds toward projects and purchases that meet HEF criteria. Dr. Aswath mentioned the expectation of greater college and department financial contributions to renovations, equipment purchases, and other requests.
5. **Undergraduate Admissions Report** – Mr. Gary Ray provided the Council with an undergraduate admissions report.
  - Summer and fall 2024 class schedules go live February 14, 2024; student registration begins April 1, 2024.
  - Fall 2024 NSO registration portal opened on February 12, 2024.
  - The next Bobcat Day will be held on February 17, 2024 on the SM Campus; Discover TXST Round Rock Day will be held on April 6, 2024.
  - Scholarships continue to be offered; FTIC offers have increased by 1,647 or 17.6% and scholarship acceptances have increased by 719 or 34%.
  - Dr. Cynthia Hernandez announced that compared to last year, TXST has 208 fewer housing contracts, but this may be due to the delay in FAFSA.
6. **Graduate Admissions Report** – Dr. Patti Giuffre provided the Council with a graduate admissions report. She announced that many graduate programs are making admissions decisions right now, which will affect future reports on graduate admissions. She also mentioned that doctoral students have until April 15, 2024 to accept their admission offers.