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# Faculty Senate



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## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

# UTSA to launch new college planning process

*Themes: artificial intelligence (AI), computing, cybersecurity, data science and related disciplines*

- » A new AI, Computing, Cyber and Data Science Planning Advisory Task Force will lead the planning exercise.
  - Final report with recommendations expected in June
  - Initiative website with details and updates: [utsa.edu/strategicplan/initiatives/academic/ai-cyber-computing-data-science/](https://utsa.edu/strategicplan/initiatives/academic/ai-cyber-computing-data-science/)

# Opportunities & Benefits



Support innovation & academic excellence



Redefine AI, computing, cybersecurity, & data science landscape



Solidify UTSA & San Antonio's status as the largest information security hub outside of Washington, D.C.



Feed demand for technically advanced professionals in emerging fields

# Task Force Members

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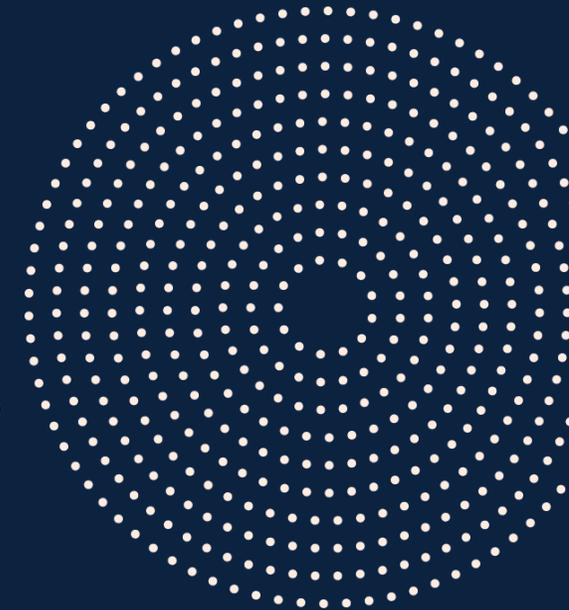
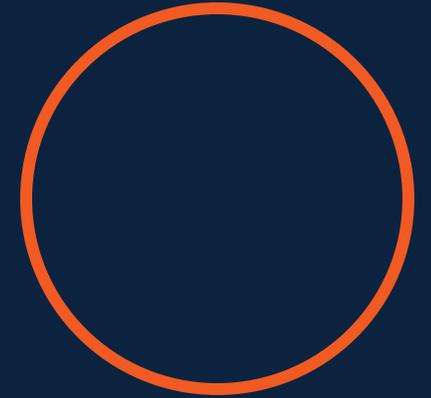
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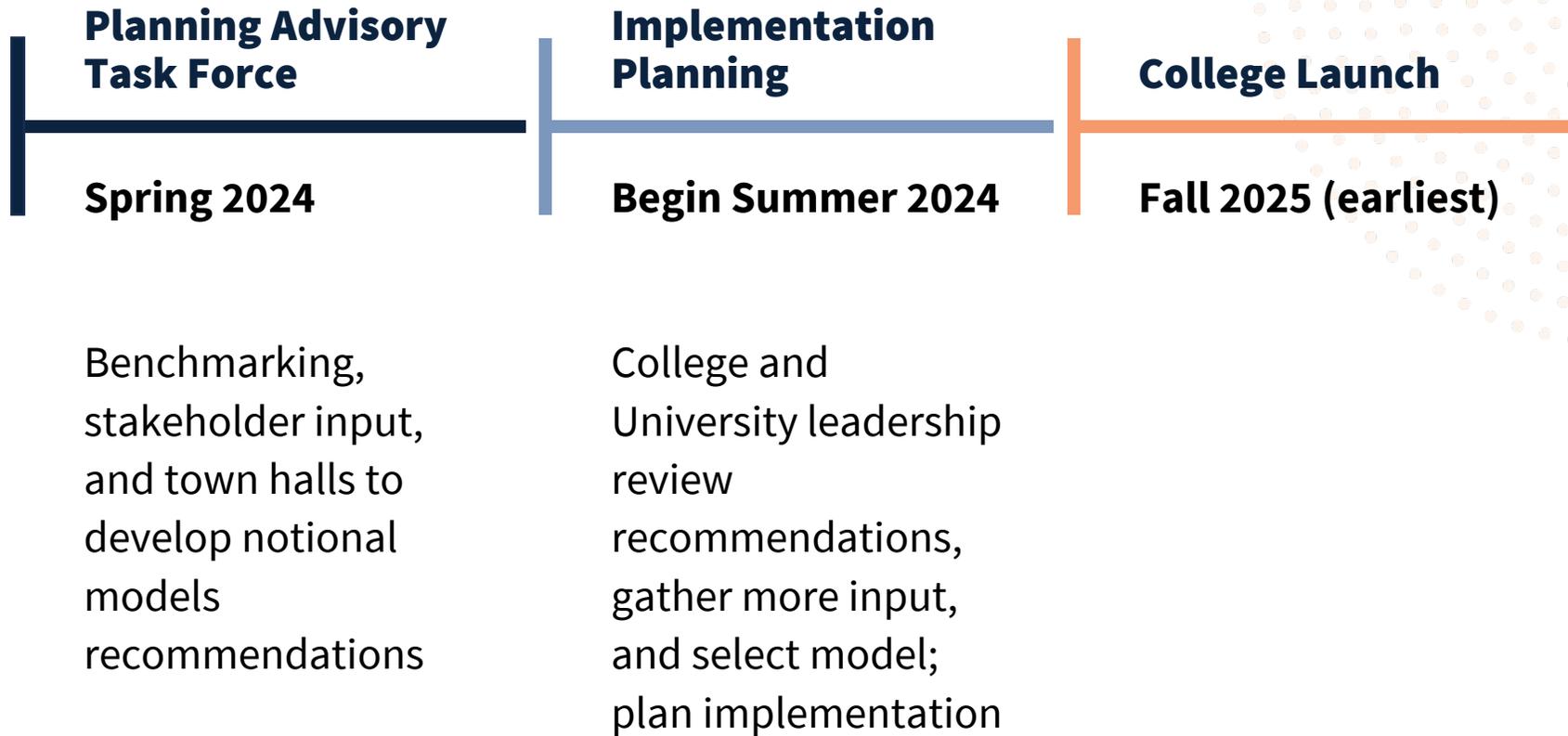
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# Task Force Charge

1. Consider the landscape of UTSA student interests, regional workforce needs and partnering opportunities, and multidisciplinary research opportunities related to AI, data science, computing and cybersecurity—from science to policy.
2. Recommend a college organizational structure that aligns AI, data science and computing related programs to enhance student success, career readiness and partnering opportunities, transdisciplinary research and funding competitiveness.



# New College Timeline



# Detailed Timeline: Task Force Planning Exercise

## Information Gathering Phase (Jan-Mar)

Inventory existing programs, gather related scholarship, hold focus groups & explore best practices at peer institutions.

## Design Phase (Apr-May)

Translate findings into multiple options for college structure, review and discussion with campus community.

## Report (June)

Deliver report with recommendations for organizational structure; university leadership reviews and discusses with affected areas

# SB 18 Update

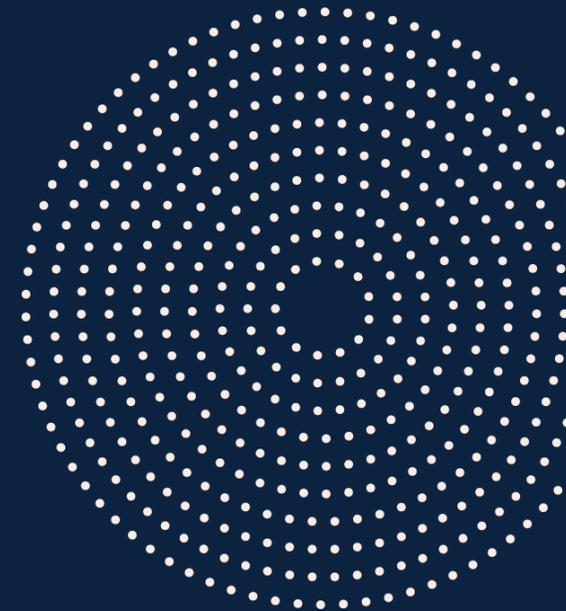
Committee is meeting every other week and plans to have recommend policy updates by early March



# UTSA's National Impact Travel Award

Support for faculty & staff travel to enhance pedagogical skills and showcase the university's accomplishments on a national scale

- » Open to T/TT and FTT faculty and college or academic support division staff
- » Reimbursement up to \$2,000 for full-time FTT faculty with no matching funds required by the sponsoring college or support unit.
- » Reimbursement **now up to \$2,000** for T/TT faculty with 4:1 fund matching required by the unit (\$500 provided by the unit for the full \$2,000 AA support)
- » Reimbursement **up to \$1,500** for staff with 3:1 fund matching by the unit (\$500 provided by the unit for the full \$1,500 AA support)



# REDKE Faculty Travel Support Program

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- » Open to active tenured and tenure-track faculty at UTSA.
  - » Maximum total funding: Reimbursement up to \$1,000 for travel provided eligibility criteria have been met.
  - » Applications must be submitted at least 15 days in advance of travel.
  - » Travel must be completed before July 19, 2024.
  - » Deadline: June 30, 2024, by 5:00 p.m. CST
  - » Request the application link by emailing the Office of Research inbox at [seedgrants@utsa.edu](mailto:seedgrants@utsa.edu).

# New Opportunity for Discussion

- » Provost/Deans/Faculty Senators meetings this Spring
- » More details to come...



# CELEBRATE TEACHING WEEK

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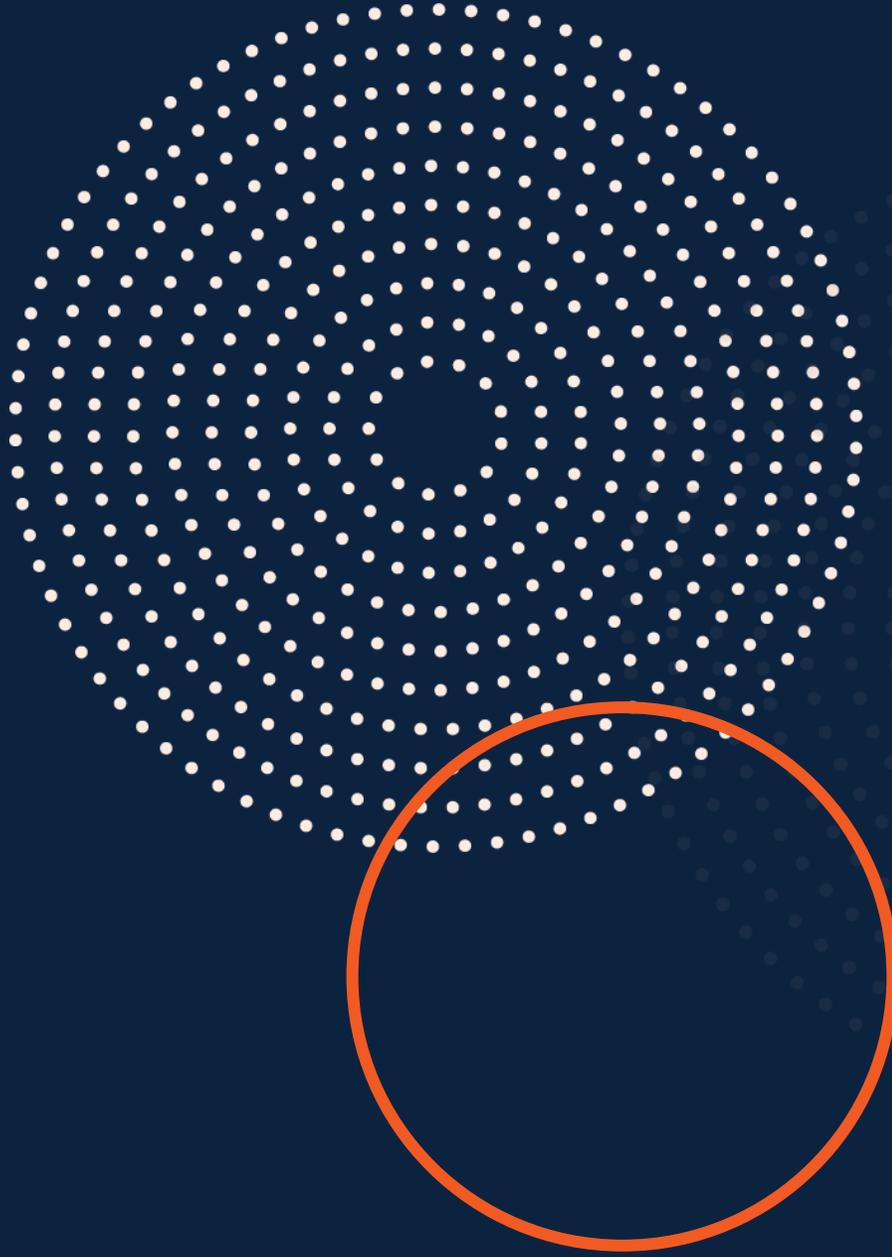


**February 19 – 23, 2024**

Multiple events are planned throughout the week to celebrate our exceptional faculty!

Learn more at:

[provost.utsa.edu/adts/celebrate-teaching-week.html](http://provost.utsa.edu/adts/celebrate-teaching-week.html)



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