

***Sent on behalf of Dr. JoAnn Browning:***

Dear CACP and COE Faculty and Staff,

I am delighted to share with you that the Integrated Design Task Force is now in the final stages of wrapping up Phase I (“Research Phase”). While a couple more subcommittee meetings will be held this week to tie up loose ends and incorporate additional data, I wanted to share some of their *preliminary findings* (see attached slides) that they presented at last week’s meeting, which was attended by Provost Espy. Next, the subcommittees will begin translating their findings into a Phase I Report that I look forward to sharing with you soon!

I have been impressed by the dedicated work of this Task Force, as well as the high level of input and participation from across our two colleges! In three months (*and during a pandemic, nonetheless*) our Task Force has looked at more than 100 peer institutions, held five outreach events (with more to come), performed numerous analyses of institutional data on academics and research, and administered a far-reaching community survey.

As our next step, this Task Force will begin its final phase (Phase II), to include forums held soon after the start of fall semester. In Phase II, the Task Force will translate their data gathered, including input collected from all of you, into multiple “notional models,” showing various ways our new college could be structured to maintain identity of the disciplines while fully realizing the synergies. The multiple options will then be discussed with campus for input prior to a decision being made.

Finally, Phase III (i.e., “Implementing the Vision), will include broader membership representation across all CACP and COE disciplines, bringing us to the exciting stage of discussing a name for our new college!

Throughout this process, I encourage you to continue sending ideas our way. One way to do this is by emailing [IntegratedDesign@utsa.edu](mailto:IntegratedDesign@utsa.edu). All emails sent to this account are shared with the full Task Force.

Thank you all for being a part of this important and exciting initiative!

Warm regards,

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