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Report on the Research Advisory Council-Senator Aliza Wong.

The Research Advisory Council met once in August before the semester began and will meet again Friday, October 14, 2011.

The Council met for an hour to discuss the Red Book, which is sent to the state legislature as part of our materials to consider for funding, and the university's plan to update the book for this year's requests. In reviewing the Red Book materials, the Council recommended ensuring that the arts and humanities were included as a major contributor to the research, educational, and community agendas of Texas Tech. The Council also recommended Introducing a more dynamic approach to "marketing" Texas Tech as a leader in areas particularly attractive to governmental research (such as environmental and disaster studies, energy research, military and technological advances) in making Tech more appealing in a very competitive time for very limited resources. Dr. Michael San Francisco has contacted the original contributors highlighted in the Red Book to secure updates and gauge progress

Senator Wong also reported on and solicited input regarding the number of Faculty Development Leaves available this year.

The number of awards last year was reduced by 15 and, though the number of available awards this year has returned to previous levels (32-35), there was increased competition for awards as a consequence of the reapplication by persons denied last year. The request was made to take this question up with the Provost.