

To: President's Cabinet
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Subject: President's Cabinet Meeting
November 16, 2015

Commencement (#143)

Provost Bourgeois and Dr. Debbie Thorne, discussed plans for fall 2015 commencement ceremonies that will be held on December 11-12, 2015. They also presented a commencement staffing proposal for consideration. After discussion of the staffing model, the safety and security benefits, and the costs associated with the proposal, Cabinet members approved the proposal noting that additional implementation funding will be required in FY 17.

Board of Regents Follow-Up (#57)

Mr. Algoe presented a November 13, 2015, Board of Regents follow-up report. Mr. Algoe discussed Senate Bill 20 and the new state contracting rules adopted by The Texas State University System Board of Regents. He explained that, under the new rules, all component institutions are required to create a Contract Handbook and all employees with authority to contract for the institution will be required to attend a training program and verification their attendance at the training.

President Trauth discussed the dissolution of the Texas State University Support Foundation explaining that the board of directors of the foundation, upon dissolution, will become a committee and no new committee members will be added. She informed the Cabinet that she planned to schedule an annual meeting with the committee to provide information regarding the endowment funds.

Chancellor's Meeting with the Presidents (#623)

President Trauth announced that The Texas State University System plans to engage the services of a public relations firm that specializes in social media to deal with issues that may arise in that realm.

President Trauth informed Cabinet that there was discussion of the "Grow Your Own" program and how that program is being conceptualized for the future.

Significant Issues (#01)

Provost Bourgeois provided an update on the representation of majors for NCAA Student Athletes at Texas State University, noting the diversity of the majors selected by our student athletes.

Provost Bourgeois provided a report with data that reflects the positive impact of the increase in the number of assured scholarships (President's Honor Scholarships and Texas State Achievement Scholarships.)

Provost Bourgeois announced that, in the wake of the terrorist attack in Paris, Dr. Ryan Buck, Director of the International Office, made immediate contact with the students from France, who are attending Texas State University this semester, to provide them with information about available support services and that he acted quickly to determine if any Texas State students or faculty were in France. President Trauth noted that we must make sure that we are providing a safe environment for our Muslim students.

Mr. Algoe described matters that were discussed in the CFO sub-group meeting held as a part of the recent meeting of the Board of Regents.

Mr. Pierce discussed the policy in place to determine what music will be played on university telephones during a call holding.

Dr. Smith announced that there will be a moment of silence today on the quad sponsored by the Black Student Association.

Football (#601)

Dr. Teis discussed the football program.

Staff Evaluations/Appraisal System (#416)

Mr. Algoe announced that he is preparing for the upcoming Cabinet meeting with the Staff Performance Management System Implementation Team.

Facilities Planning/Campus Master Plan (#91)

Mr. Algoe, with guests, Mr. Juan Guerra and Ms. Nancy Nusbaum, discussed the Campus Master Plan and reviewed the following documents: Critical Success Factors, Constraints and Planning Assumptions and Guiding Principles. During discussion, Cabinet members made suggestions regarding changes to those documents. Due to time constraints, Cabinet members requested that this topic be returned to the agenda to allow further discussion and review of the additional documents. Mr. Algoe suggested that a Cabinet meeting be scheduled in the near future to allow the Cabinet to meet with the Campus Master Plan consultants.

RTA 12/14/15 Continue discussion of the Campus Master Plan.

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