

To: President's Cabinet
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December 4, 2014

University Wellness Program (#709)

Dr. Lisa Lloyd, Ms. Rose Trevino, and Mr. John McBride met with Cabinet members to review the status of the pilot program to expand the University Wellness Program. Dr. Lloyd reported that project leaders met with many groups in the past month. A common theme from the online survey, focus groups, and meetings with various groups is the importance of the wellness program for stress management. Another theme was the difficulty of taking time during the work day for the Wellness Program. Logistical data was also collected showing that most individuals sought activities that could take place near the work site. A plan has been developed scheduling 25 spring classes in various locations, with an option for a Student Recreation Center program (available on a lottery basis). Since registration opened, 261 have already registered, with the publicity not yet distributed. A wide variety of activities will be available. The plan calls for a re-evaluation at the four-week point. Cabinet members expressed support for this program and agreed to reinforce this support in their areas.

Round Rock Campus-10th Year Celebration (#685)

Provost Bourgeois shared information about plans for the 10th anniversary celebration of the Round Rock Campus. Dr. Breier and Dr. Edna Rehbein are leading this planning effort. Plans call for a single big event in the fall of 2015. If we are awarded Tuition Revenue Bond authorization for Health Professions #1, a "groundbreaking" would be the best event; if not, a reception was suggested. Several other activities were also suggested. President Trauth suggested that we identify a speaker and get him/her scheduled for spring 2015 with a probable emphasis on Williamson County's immigrant history. We will also add "Avery" lettering on the side of the Avery Building facing the mall. Cabinet members agreed that we should be consistent in our approach, adding lettering on more than one side of a building only when appropriate for two major building entrances.

EMSI Economic Impact Study

Provost Bourgeois discussed the draft economic impact study prepared by EMSI, including concerns about the number of students living in San Marcos. Dr. Smith noted that currently we have no point where students are regularly required to update their current address. Dr. Wyatt said that we could build a screen requiring an update of addresses and cell phone numbers prior to registration. Provost Bourgeois will pursue this option with those responsible for the registration system. Provost Bourgeois will consult with Mr. Joe Meyer to confirm that EMSI should use the 11,000 student figure.

One-Time-Only Funding Requests (#693)

Mr. Nance shared information about one-time-only allocation funding requests and Merrick funding requests. President Trauth noted that \$500,000 is available now with additional funding likely in the spring 2015, plus approximately \$825,000 from Hazlewood endowment income funds, plus other Merrick endowment income funds. Mr. Nance asked Cabinet members to provide any supplemental requests identifying one-time needs before the holiday break. Mr. Bill Nance indicated that he may add to current requests vehicle conversions to compressed natural gas, now that a fueling station will be available in San Marcos. Dr. Gratz noted that although we have previously discussed a new position in the Equity and Access office to provide support for Title IX issues, bridge funding for the period between now and the next fiscal year should probably also be added. Dr. Smith observed that the Title IX workload is growing significantly, and President Trauth noted that we should plan for two new positions: one in Equity and Access and another in Student Affairs.

RTA 1/12/15 One-Time-Only Funding Requests (#693) Discuss one-time-only funding allocations.

Merrick Funds (#44)

The previous topic also covered issues related to this topic.

RTA 1/12/15 Merrick Funds (#44) Discuss Merrick funding allocations.

President's Update (#556)

President Trauth noted that we will be awarding two new honorary doctoral degrees in May 2015. She has notified the recipients.

President Trauth and Chancellor Brian McCall met with Senator Charles Schwertner regarding Legislative needs. The Senator indicated that if there is a Senate Tuition Revenue Bond (TRB) bill, he plans to support the buildings in Round Rock and in San Marcos. The President noted that the Metro Eight Chamber of Commerce's highest priority is TRBs. The Austin Chamber of Commerce's highest priorities are Texas State's two buildings. She also noted that Mr. Daniel Harper in The Texas State University System Office had remembered a problem in the last budget when North Texas and Texas State were omitted from a special list for research funding. He has assured that this omission will be corrected in the draft bill.

President Trauth reported on the class action NCAA lawsuit, seeking minimum wage. Texas has assigned an Assistant Attorney General to the case.

President Trauth indicated that now we can move the Ebola story off the home page, leaving it on the Student Health Center page.

50th Anniversary of the Signing of the Higher Education Act (#572)

President Trauth is continuing to work on the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Higher Education act and will be sharing additional information with the committee soon.

Mirabeau B. Lamar Medal (#316)

President Trauth reported that The Meadows Foundation will be presented the Lamar Higher Education Award at an Austin luncheon on Wednesday, January 21, 2014. She asked Cabinet members to check their calendars for availability.

Significant Issues (#01)

Dr. Wyatt commented on the new single log-on procedure, noting that it had been favorably received. He also noted that we will be rolling out a dual factor authentication process that he will be discussing with department chairs.

Dr. Smith reported that the captioning services approach implemented in fall 2014 by our Office of Disability Services has resulted in significant cost savings while maintaining appropriate services.

Dr. Smith reported that we have learned of several successful recent placements for graduating students at Chevron.

Dr. Gratz extended thanks to other Cabinet member for their attendance at his retirement reception on December 2, 2014.

Commencement (#143)

Provost Bourgeois noted we are moving into finals and ready for commencement.

Video Surveillance Camera Maintenance Plan (#695)

Dr. Smith shared a new Request for Security Devices form for cameras, card readers, etc. Dr. Wyatt asked about the commitment for response in return for the security fee being paid. Dr. Smith agreed to seek an answer to this question.

Title IX (#704)

Dr. Smith noted that we have now previewed a Title IX spreadsheet tracking system developed by Information Technology.

Football (#601)

Dr. Teis reported that the three automatic Sun Belt Bowls are filled. Texas State is still actively pursuing an at-large bowl bid, but our prospects are becoming slimmer.

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