

To: President's Cabinet
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Future Articles in Hillviews (#643)

Dr. Breier and Mr. Matt Flores, Assistant Vice President of University Advancement, discussed the fall 2015 story budget and solicited suggestions for possible stories and features for the spring 2016 issue of Hillviews.

Budget Cycle (#160)

Mr. Nance and Mr. Gordon Thyberg, Assistant Vice President for Budgeting, Financial Planning and Analysis, presented an analysis of FY 2015-2016 permanent funding available after the legislative conference committee report on House Bill 1. The analysis contemplated a tuition and fee increase going to designated tuition and included Hazlewood reimbursement and B-On-Time changes. Cabinet members discussed planning considerations and the need for information on projected FY 2017 fixed expenses. President Trauth announced that there were more new staff position requests than funds available. She will discuss FY 2016 new position requests with individual Cabinet members at staff meetings.

Holiday Schedule/Energy Conservation (#89)

Mr. Nance presented a proposed FY 2016 Holiday Schedule and Energy Conservation Days for consideration. Cabinet members adopted the proposed schedule contingent upon approval by the Board of Regents at the August 2015 meeting.

Texas State University Police Officers Association

Dr. Smith discussed a request that has been received to reactivate the Texas State University Police Officers Association. Cabinet approved the request.

President's Update (#556)

President Trauth discussed media planning as relates to the receipt of private gifts and tuition revenue bond funding to construct a new Engineering and Science Building on the Texas State University Campus and a new Health Professions Building on the Round Rock Campus.

President Trauth discussed on-going disaster flood relief efforts by the University. Dr. Smith provided Cabinet with a tentative report that contained a list of some of the university efforts in this regard.

Significant Issues (#01)

Provost Bourgeois announced that his office is conducting an analysis of nontenure line faculty needs in an effort to better predict budgetary needs.

Provost Bourgeois discussed a request for space made by the Hispanic Policy Network that was declined. During the discussion, it was pointed out that the Retired Faculty and Staff organization had also requested space on campus and that that request was also declined.

Provost Bourgeois stated that discussions were on-going concerning the creation of a major and/or minor in Latino and/or African-American studies. Also discussed was the addition of HPN representatives to the task force on retention.

Mr. Nance announced that, consistent with new legislation, beginning September 1, 2015, all new employees must be processed through the E-Verify system to verify citizenship.

Dr. Breier circulated an article that was published about the innovative approach being used by Texas State University to maximize the effectiveness of the call center by combining fundraising and enrollment outreach.

Dr. Breier announced that fundraising plans are being made to bridge the funding gap that exists between the actual, projected costs of building the two new buildings and the private gifts and legislative funding that is reserved for those construction projects. She indicated a need for drawings, design specifications, and/or space diagrams to use in fundraising efforts. Mr. Nance agreed to facilitate preliminary, temporary renderings of the two new buildings that could be used for that purpose.

Dr. Breier also requested information that will allow her division to better respond to requests for information relative to the NCAA Division I full cost of attendance issue and the academic dishonesty issue that involved the University of Texas basketball program. Dr. Teis and Dr. Brittain agreed to provide information as needed.

Dr. Smith announced that the new student orientation parent dinners were successful and well attended.

Dr. Smith announced that she was soliciting ideas about expansion and/or renovation needs relative to the LBJ Student Center. Cabinet members made suggestions and also discussed the need to include Campus Recreation and the Department of Athletics in future Campus Master Plan discussions.

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