

To: President's Cabinet
From: Denise M. Trauth
Subject: President's Cabinet Meeting
Minutes, April 25, 2014

Video Surveillance Camera Maintenance Plan (#695)

President Trauth noted that before we reach closure on new staff positions, we need to determine the ongoing cost that must be provided for video camera maintenance. Dr. Smith reported that the University Police Department (UPD) has revised its plan, and UPD Chief Ralph Meyer and Mr. Jeb Thomas met with the Cabinet to answer questions about the revised plan. Cabinet members discussed costs for a refresh cycle for cameras that would need to be added to ongoing budget costs. Cabinet members agreed that we should begin by making the requested allocation for ongoing costs, redeploying some cameras to more critical areas, maintaining exterior and life-safety cameras centrally for exterior areas including parking garages, and implementing a chargeback system for internal cameras. Cabinet members also agreed that new installations will require the approval of the appropriate vice president. Dr. Smith will bring this topic back when necessary.

Budget Cycle (#160)

Mr. Gordon Thyberg met with Cabinet to discuss major areas with identified needs for permanent annual operating budget increases to be considered alongside of staff positions. Cabinet members agreed that as part of monetizing the parking system, additional new departmental restricted reserved permits must be approved by the vice president and paid for by the department. Dr. Wyatt suggested that the fee for university vehicles be called a "campus vehicle registration fee," not a parking fee but this income still be credited as parking income. Cabinet members agreed that we should complete a thorough review of the Blue Phone System before allocating additional funds for this area. Cabinet members endorsed authorization of about \$204,608, leaving about a million dollars for staff positions.

Common Experience 2014-2015 and Related 50th Anniversary Celebrations (#700)

Due to time limitations, this topic will be returned to a future Cabinet agenda.

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President's Cabinet Retreat Agenda

President Trauth noted that we will devote a morning session to National Research University metrics, and she asked Cabinet members to begin thinking about who "owns" each of the areas in which we plan to seek improvement.

President's Update (#556)

Coordinating Board Meeting (#5)

President Trauth asked about Coordinating Board meeting discussion of performance-based funding. She also noted that the Council of Chancellors and Presidents had discussed community colleges and four-year degrees. She noted that this is a likely topic for the next Legislature.

Significant Issues (#01)

Provost Bourgeois shared a final draft of a revised campus visitors' map.

Mr. Nance asked about an issue raised by Internal Auditor Steve McGee, noting that a previous EPCR training audit had recommended that mandatory training for PCR preparers. Provost Bourgeois noted that Academic Affairs has already implemented a training process. Cabinet members agreed that a training process should be implemented on a campus-wide basis.

Mr. Nance reported that the architects working on the Special Events Center (Strahan Coliseum) Feasibility Study have now made a preliminary cost estimate, including an estimate by proposed funding area. Mr. Nance and Dr. Teis will lead a session at the Cabinet Retreat providing a Special Events Center (Strahan Coliseum) Feasibility Study update.

Dr. Hustvedt reported that she has been involved in discussions about improved ways of celebrating the beauty of the Texas State campus.

Dr. Wyatt reported that the Special Assistant to the President Search Committee will be meeting very soon. He asked Cabinet members to be thinking of names of good internal candidates. He noted that the target date for a selection of a new Special Assistant is early July.

50th Anniversary of African American Students at Texas State (#672)

Dr. Smith distributed copies of the program for the 50th anniversary of the integration of Texas State program and an invitation to a dinner preceding the program.

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