

To: President's Cabinet
From: Denise M. Trauth
Subject: President's Cabinet Meeting
February 4, 2016

Land Acquisition

Mr. Algoe presented various land acquisition options with information concerning the costs, possible uses, benefits, and challenges associated with each option. After discussion, Cabinet members agreed to keep the motion to acquire the Ranch Road 12, Wills property on the agenda for the February 2, 2016, meeting of the Board of Regents, to remove the motion to acquire the Ranch Road 12, Elsik property from the Board of Regents agenda, and to continue exploration of the Meeks Area Properties and the San Marcos Public Housing Authority-Allen Wood Homes acquisition options.

Commencement (#143)

Provost Bourgeois announced that an additional commencement ceremony needed to be added for fall 2016. He recommended a fall 2016 commencement calendar that will have commencement ceremonies on Friday, December 16, 2016, at 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m.; and on Saturday, December 17, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. Cabinet members approved the recommendation and requested that Provost Bourgeois explore changing the fall 2016 final exam schedule to have the first exam on Friday, December 16, 2016, begin at 7:30 a.m. and not offering full concessions at the early commencement ceremonies. It was also agreed that the Athletic Ring Ceremony will begin at 8:30 a.m., on Friday, December 16, 2016.

Campus Carry (#720)

Dr. Brittain provided an update on the status of the Campus Carry Task Force. Discussion ensued concerning divisional feedback and suggested edits to the draft, revised task force recommendations.

Staff Evaluation/Appraisal System (#416)

Mr. Algoe provided timeline information relative to the implementation of the new Staff Performance Management System.

President's Update (#556)

President Trauth informed Cabinet that the Faculty Senate has made a request to change one word in the Texas State University Alma Mater. The proposal is to change the word "cheering" the oppressed to "aiding" the oppressed. President Trauth asked the Faculty Senate to design a process to vet this proposed change with all stakeholders including faculty, staff, students,

alumni, and alumni groups. The Faculty Senate will communicate the proposed, broad-based consultative process it plans to use to vet the proposed change with the President.

President Trauth discussed the upcoming Lonesome Dove event and reimbursement of travel to Cabinet members attending the event.

Tobacco Policy (#174)

President Trauth informed Cabinet that she would like to add enforcement of the tobacco policy to a future Cabinet agenda. She stated that, after a fire that occurred on campus in late December 2015 as a result of a live cigarette butt, she believes this is an important safety issue that needs to be addressed.

RTA 4/25/16 Discuss enforcement of the Tobacco Policy on Texas State University Campuses.

Significant Issues (#01)

Mr. Algoe announced that the artist selected for the Moore Street Art Project was not working on the project and that a different artist needed to be selected.

Mr. Algoe announced that a new health care plan option with a high deductible and lower premiums will be added as a health plan insurance option effective fall 2016.

RTA 4/25/16 Health Care Plan Options for Fall 2016 Discuss new health care plan option available in fall 2016.

Class Ring (#722)

Provost Bourgeois provided information about the class ring logo option photographs that have been made available to the Student Affairs Division to facilitate the process in place to allow students to vote on the preferred ring logo option. Mr. Pierce also suggested creating a 3-D model of the ring options using the 3-D printer in the Albert B. Alkek Library.

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