

To: President's Cabinet
From: Denise M. Trauth
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SACSCOC (#37)

Drs. Cynthia Opheim and Beth Wuest provided Cabinet members with information they received at the December 2014 SACSCOC annual meeting. As a part of the discussion, they explained timelines and preparation needed for the five year review and for the 10 year review. They gave each Cabinet member a division-specific handout and requested that each Cabinet member review their handout, make any necessary changes to the job description and the one paragraph summary, and send the revisions and an updated CV to Dr. Opheim by May 15, 2015. President Trauth asked that SACS preparation be placed on the agenda for the President's Cabinet Retreat in May 2015.

Family Campaign (#696)

Dr. Breier introduced Mr. Dan Perry and Mr. Wesley Clark, Director of Annual Giving. Mr. Perry and Mr. Clark discussed the timeline and the preparation for the Family Campaign. In response to a discussion about solicitation of gift items from the various University divisions, Dr. Breier agreed to provide Cabinet members with a list of gift items that the various divisions had generously provided in previous years.

Future Articles in Hillviews (#643)

Mr. Matt Flores discussed the spring 2015 issue of Hillviews that will focus on the the health professions and provided a handout with potential topics that could be included in the summer 2015 issue of Hillviews that will focus on the McCoy College of Business Administration. Also discussed were ideas for a theme for the fall 2015 issue of Hillviews. Cabinet members indicated their interest in having the theme for the fall 2015 issue focus on service.

President's Update (#556)

President Trauth announced that she will testify before the Senate Finance Committee on February 12, 2015, and she will testify before the House Appropriations Committee whenever the hearing date is set. Written testimony for those hearings is being prepared and the testimony will include the most recent TRIP data.

President Trauth announced that, in her absence, due to the scheduled Senate Finance Committee hearing, Dr. Smith would attend the February 12, 2015, Student Open Door with the President session that is scheduled for the same date.

President Trauth announced that she would attend the investiture of the new President of Sul Ross University on April 15, 2015.

President Trauth discussed the Life Long Learning initiative that is being sponsored by the Texas State Association for Retired Faculty and Staff and indicated that although there is strong interest in and registration for the event series, the University does not have the ability to provide continual funding for the series. After discussion, the Cabinet suggested that Memorandums of Understanding be developed with the various organizations involved in these types of events that specify both approval and funding processes.

University Nondiscrimination Policy (#611)

President Trauth asked if, the expanded nondiscrimination statement that includes gender identity language, had been made available to the entire University community and asked Dr. Brittain to follow up on that matter.

Significant Issues (#01)

Provost Bourgeois discussed a request that had been made by a donor to be allowed to hold, on campus, a premiere of a 90 minute documentary film about three living Triple Crown jockeys and horses. The donor wants to plan a small premiere event to be attended by students in late March 2015 or early April 2015. Dr. Smith indicated an interest in working with the donor and the Dean of the McCoy College of Business Administration to plan the event for students.

Mr. Nance provided Cabinet members with a handout that contained a summary analysis of House Bill 1 and Senate Bill 2 and discussed the differences in the bills and what impact the bills would have on Texas State University.

Mr. Nance announced that the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has published the (1) fall 2014 Space Usage Efficiency report which shows Texas State as one of three institutions with 100 percent efficiency in both classroom and lab utilization, and (2) fall 2014 Academic Space Projection Model, which shows that Texas State has an increased space deficit.

Dr. Breier reminded Cabinet members about the breakfast event for Alumni working in State Agencies on January 29, 2015.

Dr. Debra Feakes announced that a proposal summarizing the approach that Texas State has taken with regard to supporting Adjunct Faculty members had been accepted for presentation at a professional conference in Washington D. C.

Dr. Smith reported that she had received notice that The Texas State University System had begun a project intended to monitor the use of Student Service Fees. She indicated that the deadline established for providing the requested information was soon and that attempts were being made to ask that the deadline be extended for all component universities.

Dr. Smith reported a security concern involving a former student explaining that stalking and harassment charges had been filed and that ongoing law enforcement action was anticipated.

Door Access Upgrades (#705)

Dr. Smith announced that the JCK door access project had begun and could be completed as early as the end of February 2015 and explained that, at the end of the project, all existing key holders would be asked to turn keys into their respective administrative assistants.

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