To:        President's Cabinet

From:      Denise M. Trauth

Subject:   President's Cabinet Meeting
           July 1, 2015


## Commencement (#143)

Provost Bourgeois and Dr. Debbie Thorne, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, discussed transportation issues and plans for the August 2015 commencement ceremonies. It was decided that, for all 6:00 p.m. commencement ceremonies, a counter-flow of vehicles from the JCK parking lot will be required. Provost Bourgeois announced that he would like to consider changing the rule that allows participants, with up to nine hours that remain before degree completion, to participate in a commencement ceremony.

## Facilities Planning/Campus Master Plan (#91)

Mr. Nance and Ms. Nancy Nusbaum, Associate Vice President for Finance and Support Services, presented a handout that contained a tentative scope of work relative to the creation of a new Campus Master Plan. Cabinet members discussed the draft and made suggested additions. President Trauth indicated that Cabinet would be the steering committee for the development of the new plan.

## Merrick Funds (#44)

Mr. Nance and Ms. Nancy Nusbaum presented a spreadsheet that contained all FY 2015 Merrick Fund requests. After discussion, Cabinet members agreed to fund the first four requests on the spreadsheet and to consider the remaining items at a later date, as one-time funding requests.

## Development Update (#588)

Dr. Breier presented the University Advancement Fundraising Update as of June 29, 2015.

## Board Report Review

Mr. Nance circulated a handout that contained the August 2015 Board of Regents Board materials as of July 1, 2015. Cabinet members reviewed the board materials and suggested changes.

**President's Update (#556)**

President Trauth stated that requests to turn the fountains on had been received and that she had declined the requests until power-washing needs across campus were first addressed.

President Trauth discussed the B-On-Time fund and a communication received, that summarized the position of The Texas State University System (TSUS), regarding the issue.  She requested that a copy of the email communication from Mr. Nance, that summarized the TSUS position, be attached to and incorporated into the cabinet minutes of the meeting.

President Trauth discussed a limitation on the use of the weekly update prepared by University Advancement.

President Trauth provided a status report on the Vice President for Finance and Support Services search.

**Significant Issues (#01)**

Provost Bourgeois provided a handout to Cabinet members that contained information about the new electronic 2015-2016 Graduate Catalog and Undergraduate Catalog now available.

Mr. Nance circulated a handout that contained a photograph of a problem that was created in the San Marcos River due to the flood and described measures that are being taken to correct the problem.

Mr. Nance discussed the Department of Labor proposed regulations to change overtime pay and the budget implications of such a change.

Dr. Breier discussed the two phases of the CCS Campaign feasibility study and provided a list of individuals that are on the internal assessment interview list.

**AASCU Distinguished Alumnus Award (#10)**

Dr. Breier announced that the American Association of Schools, Colleges, and Universities has made a call for nominations for the Distinguished Alumni Award.  Dr. Breier suggested that U. S. District Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos be nominated by Texas State University.  Cabinet members approved the nomination.

Dr. Wyatt discussed the need to make web material accessible to all individuals, including but not limited to, blind and deaf individuals as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act.  He described efforts underway at Texas State University, including the building of a responsive web site to make our website accessible.  He suggested that the university appoint a committee to develop a formal website accessibility plan and have an approved plan in place by October 2015. He suggested that Dr. Sherri Benn, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Director of Student Diversity and Inclusion, have primary responsibility for developing and implementing the plan and that Dr. Debbie Thorne, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs be a

member of the committee.  President Trauth agreed to appoint a committee and requested that this topic be returned to the Cabinet agenda in one month.

**RTA  8/10/15  Website Accessibility Plan  Guest:  Dr. Sherri Benn  Discuss plans for developing a responsive, accessible website by October 2015.**

Dr. Wyatt described the new Microsoft Windows 10 version and said that Texas State University will not support that version at this time.  However, after testing, it is possible that the new version will be supported in spring 2016.

Dr. Smith announced that a former Texas State student had recently drowned in the San Marcos River.

Dr. Smith announced that, for fall 2015, Texas State was over-capacity in housing requests.  Dr. Smith provided a handout that tracked the spectrum of housing costs across campus and emphasized the university goal, to have affordable housing options for all students.

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Posted to web at http://cabinet.president.txstate.edu/ on July 24, 2015.

Attachment to Minutes:          June 30, 2015 Email from Mr. Nance to Dr. Trauth;
                                Subject:  B-on-Time

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| **To:** | Brittain, Vicki S |
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> **From:** "Nance, William A" <nance@txstate.edu>
> **Date:** June 30, 2015 at 5:06:02 PM CDT
> **To:** "Trauth, Denise M" <dtrauth@txstate.edu>
> **Cc:** "Mendoza, Mary Ann" <mamendoza@txstate.edu>
> **Subject: B-on-Time**

Daniel called.  He had another conversation with the Chancellor.  He said the Chancellor is fine if we just shift funds around so that we are covering $6.2 in aid from institutional funds.  No increase in what we are already doing is fine.  And, he said no one even needs to do any funds shifting until the FY 2017 budget.  Daniel said SHSU requested that and the Chancellor agreed to it for the entire System.

Just wanted to keep you updated on this.

Bill

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