

To: President's Cabinet
From: Denise M. Trauth
Subject: President's Cabinet Meeting
May 9, 2016

LBJ Student Center Conference Room Rates (#725)

Dr. Smith distributed a handout that provided information about usage of the conference rooms in the LBJ Student Center by internal and external users. She discussed the amount of money generated by facility rentals by external users. Cabinet members agreed to continue to offer as many events in the LBJ Student Center as possible, to continue to encourage facility rentals by external users, and to provide funds in the future to compensate for allowing internal users to reserve and use rooms without paying a rental charge. This item will be placed on the permanent funding budget request for 2016-2017 to be considered at the appropriate time.

Class Ring (#722)

Dr. Smith shared the results of the student and alumni vote on the new ring design. The students favored the Supercat logo, while the alumni favored the TS with the Supercat logo. Dr. Breier explained that this issue was discussed with alumni leadership and they are fine supporting the students' selection. The Supercat logo, as approved by the student body, will be the new design.

Alma Mater Change Request

Provost Bourgeois explained that numerous groups have weighed in on the proposal to change language in the Alma Mater, including the Alumni Association, Faculty Senate, Staff Council, Student Government Association, and Council of Deans. The students and alumni are opposed to making a change. The decision was made that the Alma Mater will not be changed.

Student Health Insurance (#729)

Mr. Algoe explained that the annual cost for health insurance provided through the Student Health Center was set to increase significantly this year based on the annual bid process. Since international students are required to buy the insurance, the possibility of splitting off insurance for domestic students from the insurance for international students was explored as a way of reducing the financial hardship associated with a premium increase.

It was determined that the cost to international students could be reduced from \$2,256 per year to \$1,649 per year if they were offered a separate policy. It was also determined that domestic students likely have access to less expensive options than what the new, increased premium would have been for next year, \$3,606. Those options might include employer-provided coverage, parent-provided coverage, or purchasing through the government healthcare marketplace. Consequently, the proposal is to offer the less expensive coverage to international students and to not offer coverage to domestic students. Other options for domestic students are being actively explored.

It was decided that Mr. Algoe will visit with the Director of the Student Health Center to learn more about the plans being considered and this item will be returned to the agenda.

RTA 5/17/16 Discuss student health insurance-international and domestic.

Employee Prescription Services at the Student Health Center

Dr. Smith explained that the Student Health Center would like to begin offering employees the option to fill prescriptions that involve common medications that the Student Health Center routinely stocks. This can be done at the current staff level and will provide a nice convenience to employees. Cabinet approved the request.

President's Update (#556)

President Trauth clarified comments she recently made to various groups regarding the fact that a repeal of the tuition set aside requirement would not actually create any additional funding for the university.

Significant Issues (#01)

Provost Bourgeois reported that he has been emphasizing the need for very prudent planning and budgetary restraint in recent meetings with faculty.

Mr. Algoe indicated that he would share a draft of an internal communication regarding the university golf course with cabinet members for their feedback.

Enrollment Management (#9)

Provost Bourgeois reported that enrollment for FY17 continues to look good.

Transportation/Shuttlebus (#166)

Mr. Algoe explained that the City Council for the City of San Marcos is considering a rule change which could negatively impact the university bus service.

Commencement (#143)

Dr. Breier asked if a message should go out regarding commencement traffic. Provost Bourgeois agreed to send out such a message.

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