

To: President's Cabinet  
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### **Budget Cycle (#160)**

Mr. Nance and Mr. Gordon Thyberg provided handouts that contained an analysis of FY 2015-2016 Permanent Funding Available and Retiree Medical Expense 2008-2014 actual with 2015-2016 projected. The March 5, 2015, funding analysis assumed a tuition and fee increase going to designated tuition and a change in general revenue appropriations for operations per Senate Bill 2. Cabinet members discussed planning considerations, including the possibility of a three percent merit pool, concerns relating to the increasing cost associated with retiree insurance, and the need for future fee increases related to non-methods accounts.

### **TSUS Safety and Security Initiative**

Mr. Nance explained that he had received some information about the system-wide safety and security initiative and indicated that several surveys would be included in the study. He will attend a system-wide meeting on this topic on March 25, 2015, and will provide input at that meeting, relative to the short time frame for surveys in view of the May 1, 2015, report due date.

**RTA: 4/1/15 Discuss status and deadlines associated with the TSUS Safety and Security Initiative.**

### **Homecoming Game (#179)**

Dr. Breier provided a handout that contained the fall 2015 Texas State football schedule with proposed events and programs. After discussion, it was determined that information concerning the dates for Bobcat Day and current holds on the LBJ Ballroom was needed, before a decision could be made about the date for the Homecoming game. Cabinet members requested that this topic be returned to the Cabinet agenda.

**RTA: 4/1/15 Discuss date for Homecoming game and coordination of events.**

### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Signing of the Higher Education Act (#572)**

Mr. Nance and President Trauth presented ideas relative to the commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Signing of the Higher Education Act. After discussion, the consensus was to investigate stakeholder interest in using public art funding, which will be associated with the new engineering building if TRB is approved, to create a large sculpture and beautiful plaza in front of the new building to commemorate the event.

**RTA: 4/6/15 Discussion of stakeholder interest in using the public art funding set aside for new Engineering Building to commission a sculpture to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Higher Education Act.**

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

President Trauth discussed the various bills before the Texas Legislature that included requested Tuition Revenue Bond funding for an Engineering and Science Building in San Marcos and a Health Professions Building on the Round Rock Campus. Also discussed, was a concern that HEAF funding for the Health Professions Building, would not be a good alternate funding solution since HEAF dollars were needed to fund many other.

President Trauth also discussed her recent involvement as a SACS accreditation team member, the emphasis that many institutions are placing on recruitment of out-of-state students, and the correlation between the quality of an institution's athletics programs and Greek programs, with the increase in an institution's ability to recruit out-of-state students.

**Significant Issues (#01)**

Provost Bourgeois provided Cabinet members with a tentative August 2015 calendar of the events scheduled for the beginning of fall 2015.

Provost Bourgeois reported that, notwithstanding the bad weather on February 28, 2015, Bobcat Day was a very successful event with over 5,235 participants in attendance.

Dr. Breier reported that the Lonesome Dove event in Fort Worth, on February 28, 2015, was well attended and successful.

Dr. Breier reported that two stories from *Hillviews* had received the Excellence in Craft awards.

Dr. Breier asked Cabinet members to consider a request that she received to allow an exception from parking charges for individuals attending the Summer Camp Fair. Dr. Breier said that 400 people attended in 2014 and that the same attendance was estimated for 2015. After discussion, Cabinet members decided not to make the exception and suggested that attendees could park in either the Matthews Street Garage or the Edward Gary Parking Garage at the event parking rate of \$5.

Dr. Teis provided Cabinet members with a handout that contained information about the Sun Belt Basketball Championship Tournaments that will be held in New Orleans on March 11-14, 2015.

Dr. Brittain circulated an updated log of relevant bills filed in the 84<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session.

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