

To: President's Cabinet  
From: Denise M. Trauth  
Subject: President's Cabinet Meeting  
Minutes, May 5, 2014

### **Commencement (#143)**

Provost Bourgeois shared recommendations from the Commencement Transportation and Safety Subgroup regarding several issues related to the spring 2014 Commencement. Cabinet members discussed recommended actions dealing with commencement transportation issues. Mr. Nance noted that Mr. Bill Hollingsworth will be substituting for Mr. Russell Clark at commencement ceremonies. Cabinet members agreed that all offices will remain open on May 9, 2014. However, at the discretion of account managers, some employees may use comp time for departure as early as 3:00 p.m. In the J. C. Kellam Parking Lot, we will use contraflow to eliminate exiting onto Sessom Drive.

### **RTA 7/21/14 Discuss transportation issues related to August Commencement.**

### **Common Experience 2014-2015 and Related 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations (#700)**

President Trauth reported that representatives of the LBJ Museum in San Marcos had met with her asking for the university to make a cash contribution to the Museum. She explained that the University does not make contributions to other nonprofit organizations, but she expressed her interest in having the University partner with the Museum in sponsorship of a celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Higher Education Act in November 2015. Cabinet members discussed opportunities for this event, including the fact that we are scheduled to sponsor the November Board of Regents' meeting in San Marcos. Cabinet members agreed to explore the possibility of tying the celebration to that meeting, with the Wednesday before the meeting being a possible date. President Trauth asked Provost Bourgeois to consider what the best academic components of the celebration would be.

### **RTA 6/23/14 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Signing of the Higher Education Act (#572) – renamed Continue discussion of this planned November 2015 celebration, including academic components.**

### **Rededication of the Comal Building**

President Trauth noted that after a recent session with the Support Foundation, many members mentioned that the Comal Building was formerly the location of San Marcos High School. Cabinet members agreed that holding a rededication ceremony as part of homecoming would provide an opportunity for a special celebration honoring those who had attended high school in this facility when it was Texas State's lab school. Dr. Breier noted that we may need to do some advertising in the *San Marcos Daily Record* asking people who attended high school in this facility to self identify. Dr. Wyatt suggested that we submit an op-ed to the local newspaper

inviting people to share artifacts from this period and noted that University Archivist Kris Toma would be a valuable resource for this project. Another Cabinet member noted that a high school yearbook from that era could also be helpful.

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

President Trauth commented on the success of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration honoring the five women who first integrated Texas State University and noted that the Bobcat Bonanza was also a very successful event.

President Trauth observed that there was an article in this morning's *Austin American-Statesman* about student regents and asked Dr. Breier to have Mr. Matt Flores refer any questions we receive to Mr. Mike Wintemute in the TSUS office.

President Trauth updated cabinet members on recent developments in the Sun Belt Conference.

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President Trauth asked Provost Bourgeois to discuss the December commencement ceremony. Provost Bourgeois noted that the commencement team is recommending adding a fifth ceremony at 3:00 p.m. on Friday preceding the 6:00 p.m. ceremony. Cabinet members endorsed this plan.

### **Significant Issues (#01)**

Dr. Smith briefed Cabinet members on issues that we are experiencing with apartment complexes under construction that may not be complete by the fall 2014 semester.

Dr. Teis reported that Academic Performance Review scores for 2012-2013 will be released soon, and Texas State will have a very positive report.

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