

To: President's Cabinet
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February 17, 2015

Board of Regents' Review (#500)

President Trauth and Cabinet members welcomed guests, Ms. Michel Conroy, Faculty Senate Chair, Ms. Tiffany Young, Student Government President, and Mr. Jayme Blaschke, to the meeting and provided a review of the upcoming, February 19-20, 2015, Board of Regents meeting.

Board of Regents News Release (#626)

President Trauth and Cabinet members discussed topics for inclusion in a news release about the meeting of the Board of Regents. Suggested topics included the selection of the Texas State University Director of Institutional Research, Mr. Joe Meyer, to receive the Regents' Award and information about the request for approval for the expansion of STAR Park.

UPPS 04.04.37, The Excellence in Diversity Awards (#714)

Dr. Brittain and Dr. Gilda Garcia discussed the recommendations of the Equity and Access Committee relative to UPPS 04.04.37, Excellence in Diversity Awards. After discussion, Cabinet approved the recommendation to add a team award, approved funding for said award at \$2,500, and authorized the committee to send an email to begin the nomination process for this Excellence in Diversity Awards cycle. Cabinet members asked that this matter be returned to the cabinet agenda for further discussion of the other recommended changes to UPPS 04.04.37.

RTA: 4/1/15 Guest: Discuss recommended changes to UPPS 04.04.37.

Cats' Caravan (#712)

Dr. Breier provided information about the Cats' Caravan events that are scheduled for March 27-28, 2015, in Dallas/Fort Worth and tentatively scheduled for May 29, 2015, in Austin. A mini-Bobcat Day may be held on May 7, 2015, in Houston. After discussion, it was suggested that, in the future, spring Cats' Caravan events should be scheduled in September to allow coordination with other events. Cabinet members asked that this matter be returned to the cabinet agenda for further discussion in September 2015.

RTA: 8/31/15 Discussion of Cats' Caravan event dates for spring 2016.

Cates Room Repurposing

Mr. Nance provided Cabinet members with a handout that contained a proposal to convert Old Main 320 from a meeting room to instructional space. He explained that there was no Memorandum of Understanding in place at the time of the naming of the room that would prevent the proposed conversion. After discussion, Cabinet approved the conversion proposal.

Mr. Nance also provided Cabinet members with a handout that contained a budget estimate and a scope of work relative to the Alkek Theater Renovation Project. After discussion, the Cabinet agreed that the project should proceed.

President's Update (#556)

President Trauth announced that the search process for a VPFSS would re-start and that the University would engage a search firm to assist with the process.

President Trauth informed Cabinet that she provided testimony before the Senate Finance Committee on February 12, 2015.

President Trauth informed Cabinet that at the Board of Regents Planning and Construction subcommittee meeting, members of the subcommittee discussed methods that could be used by the Board of Regents to acknowledge donor gifts.

President Trauth informed Cabinet that the topic of Student Service Fees was on the Board of Regents' agenda for the meeting with the Presidents.

Significant Issues (#01)

Provost Bourgeois reported that freshman applications and acceptances, for the fall 2015 semester, were up and there was also an increase in housing contracts.

Mr. Nance reported that auditors from the Immigration and Naturalization agency were on campus conducting a compliance audit.

Mr. Nance reported that the TECQ is requiring that all employees be trained about water runoff and storm water drainage and that a system is now being developed to comply with that requirement.

Dr. Smith discussed an idea that had been presented to her, to create a Center for Students in Recovery and explained that there is a donor that is willing to purchase property on which to locate the center. After discussion, Cabinet determined that it did not want to pursue this opportunity at this time.

Dr. Brittain reported that the Texas Tribune is planning to hold a conference on water issues on March 10, 2015, and is looking for a room on campus to hold the conference.

Dr. Brittain discussed a request that was received from Staff Council, to appoint a member of Staff Council to the current project team working with the Sibson Consulting on reviewing and evaluating the staff performance management system. After discussion, Cabinet members approved the appointment of Mr. Adam Clark, Systems Support Specialist I in the Department of History, to the project team.

Dr. Brittain distributed a handout that contained a summary of relevant legislative bills being considered by the Texas Legislature during the 84th Legislative Session.

Campus Security (#142)

Dr. Smith discussed current security concerns.

Board of Regents' (BOR) Rules and Regulations (#12)

Dr. Brittain requested that Cabinet members send her any proposed changes in the Board of Regents' Rules and Regulations for consideration at the February 23, 2015, cabinet meeting.

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