

To: President's Cabinet
From: Denise M. Trauth
Subject: President's Cabinet Meeting
September 29, 2014

Enrollment Management (#9)

Dr. Michael Heintze met with Cabinet to review the fall 2014 enrollment report and discuss fall 2015 enrollment targets. This fall, overall enrollment increased by 3.5 percent. The Hispanic proportion of total enrollment increased by two percent, the African American proportion of total enrollment increased by one percent, and the multiracial proportion of total enrollment increased by one percent. Round Rock Campus enrollment increased by 6.4 percent, primarily from students taking courses on both campuses. Graduate enrollment also grew, and we met both undergraduate and graduate enrollment targets. Yield rates were up for both undergraduates and graduates.

Provost Bourgeois and Dr. Heintze reviewed possible strategies for achieving the freshman class profile required for National Research University Fund eligibility. Cabinet members agreed that we should combine the Emerging Stars and Pathways programs beginning with the fall 2015 class. Cabinet members also discussed potential targets for the fall 2015 freshman class, noting that we are likely to establish a freshman target, not including summer admits of about 5,330 plus 200 in the combined Emerging Stars and Pathways programs. Mr. Nance will review the fiscal implications of these targets. President Trauth authorized the addition of a recruiter in the Dallas-Fort Worth market to be paid for by reallocation of money in the Division of Academic Affairs previously used for the Emerging Stars Program.

RTA 10/13/14 Discuss enrollment management goals for fall 2015 including financial background information.

Transportation and Parking Issues (#538)

Ms. Nancy Nusbaum discussed proposed changes to student residential and commuter parking regulations for 2015-2016, involving the Speck Street Lot, a fee increase for gold (residential storage) permits, the Academy Street Parking Garage, the "permit free" period, and a lottery by zone for residential (green) permits. She recommended that all proposed changes except the gold permit fee increase be approved. Ms. Nusbaum recommended the addition of percentage-time faculty to those eligible for "semester" restricted permits. Cabinet members endorsed and President Trauth approved these recommendations, noting that we will continue discussion of a potential increase in fees for gold permits after cost data for van service is available. Ms. Nusbaum shared a draft flyer related to parking plans for the Tuesday, October 14, 2014, football game. She will coordinate the release of this flyer with Provost Bourgeois to assure that faculty are provided with timely information.

RTA 10/13/14 Discuss Gold Permit fee.

University Non-Discrimination Policy (#611)

Dr. Gilda Garcia met with Cabinet to review the University's Non-Discrimination statement. She noted that she had just returned from a community kickoff event for the Hays County Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October). She shared a possible change that would integrate our statements about legally prohibited discrimination and other discrimination prohibited by University policy. Cabinet members discussed alternative language, and Dr. Garcia agreed to work with Ms. Nelly Herrera regarding revised language.

RTA 10/6/14 Guest: Dr. Gilda Garcia Review acceptable alternatives for University Non-Discrimination statement.

Staff Performance Award/Bonus Plan (#424)

Mr. Nance shared information regarding the FY 2015 award distribution plan. President Trauth approved this process.

UPPS 07.04.05, Assembly Activities Involving Amplified Sound, Exhibits, and Erecting Symbolic Structures (#707)

Dr. Smith shared a revised draft of this UPPS. Cabinet members endorsed the proposed changes, and President Trauth approved the revisions. This revised UPPS will now be distributed.

President's Update (#556)

President Trauth asked about the solar charging station issue. Mr. Nance explained that the request for a year-long trial had been withdrawn, but funding questions remained from the Environmental Service Committee. Provost Bourgeois reported that he had stopped an appeal prior to Presidential review. President Trauth asked Provost Bourgeois and Mr. Nance to prepare talking points explaining this issue prior to future discussions with students.

Economic Impact Study (#277)

President Trauth also noted that we will be discussing the draft economic impact study at the October 6, 2014, President's Cabinet meeting.

Significant Issues (#01)

Dr. Breier asked for clarification regarding the Comal Building Dedication script. Provost Bourgeois, Dr. Breier, and Dr. Gratz will follow up to be sure that this script is prepared.

Dr. Feakes reported that she has scheduled a series of open door sessions for adjunct faculty this fall.

Dr. Teis noted that the Finance and Support Services' planning consultant who is currently conducting a feasibility study regarding a hotel and conference center will be working with many individuals within the University to gather data related to this project.

Dr. Teis noted that he is receiving many questions regarding possible memorials honoring Mr. David Gish. Dr. Breier asked Dr. Teis to make Mr. Ted McKinnon the contact person for any memorial plans.

Football (#601)

President Trauth congratulated Dr. Breier and others who had been involved in planning the September 26, 2014, alumni events associated with the Tulsa football game. Dr. Teis reminded Cabinet members that kick-off time for the October 4, 2014, homecoming game against Idaho is 6:00 p.m. Dr. Breier noted that this will be a very busy week with Homecoming events scheduled throughout the week and the Distinguished Alumni Gala this weekend.

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