

To: President's Cabinet
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SACSCOC (#37)

Dr. Smith and guest, Dr. Beth Wuest, discussed a Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) requirement related to logging student complaints. Dr. Wuest reviewed how this requirement has been addressed in previous SACSCOC reports and identified the three main types of student complaints: grade and suspension appeals, other academic complaints, and non-academic complaints. Cabinet agreed that the process for logging written student academic complaints is well-defined, but that the process of logging non-academic complaints needs further clarification. In general, Cabinet agreed that the President's Office will not log complaints. Any complaints received by the President's Office will be directed to the appropriate division to be addressed and logged. Cabinet also agreed that written student complaints submitted as letters or emails will be addressed; student complaints posted to social media will not. Dr. Smith agreed to task a working group with developing a system to be used by non-academic offices for logging written student complaints. Once the process is determined, UPPS 07.10.06, Procedures for Students Seeking Resolution or Reporting University-Related complaints, will be revised to adequately address this SACSCOC requirement.

RTA 6/18/18 Dr. Smith to discuss the finalized log for non-academic complaints.

Dr. Wuest also reminded Cabinet that the narratives for SACSCOC are due at the end of May 2018.

Employee Settlement Process

Mr. Algoe clarified a few procedural steps in the employee settlement process. While the appropriate Vice President works directly with The Texas State University System Office of the Vice Chancellor General Counsel throughout the employee settlement process, the Vice President must obtain clear guidelines from President Trauth before entering into financial negotiations with the claimant and must inform her of any deviations from such guidance before commitments are made. Furthermore, the Vice President for Finance and Support Services must sign off on the final settlement.

President's Update (#556)

President Trauth debriefed Cabinet on vandalism of university property that preceded Bobcat Day on April 17, 2018, and announced that a police investigation has been opened. In response, President Trauth requested that foot patrols be increased prior to future university events.

President Trauth announced that Dr. Margarita Arellano reviewed on appeal the Opinion of the Student Supreme Court decision to not impeach Student Government President Connor Clegg. Dr. Arellano believed that there was sufficient evidence for an impeachment trial. The new trial has been set for April 11, 2018. President Trauth also announced that the inauguration of the next Student Government President will be held on April 19, 2018.

President Trauth reviewed the University's efforts in supporting Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals students and announced that she is meeting with students from Hispanic student organizations that afternoon to learn more about their needs at Texas State.

President Trauth announced that there were more than 4,500 volunteers participating in the Bobcat Build event held on April 6, 2018.

Significant Issues (#01)

Provost Bourgeois shared that the external site visit team for the proposed doctoral program in Applied Anthropology commented that our faculty were world class with an impressive record of grant-funded research and that our Forensic Anthropology facilities were the best in the nation.

Provost Bourgeois reported that fiscal year 2018 second quarter restricted research expenditures (\$6.86 million) and total research and development expenditures (13.6 million) were the highest second quarter levels ever recorded at Texas State, up 7.2 percent and 10.4 percent, respectively, over the same time period in fiscal year 2017.

Dr. Valerie Fleming announced that the Department of Communication Disorders graduate student clinicians provided speech, language, hearing, and vision screenings during the Chisholm Trail Block Party on April 7, 2018.

Mr. Pierce announced that a contract with McKinney York Architects of Austin, Texas, is in place and Schematic Design of the Learning Commons is now underway. Mr. Pierce also announced that construction on the fourth floor of the Albert B. Alkek Library is expected to begin in November 2018.

Dr. Smith updated Cabinet on campus investigations and reinstatement of Greek organizations and related training initiatives.

Americans with Disabilities Act (#302)

Mr. Pierce reported that the Division of Information Technology continues to make substantial progress towards ensuring that university services are in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Football (#601)

Dr. Teis reminded Cabinet about the Maroon and Gold spring game on April 14, 2018.

Athletics Issues (#636)

Dr. Teis also reminded Cabinet about the Bobcat Bonanza on April 21, 2018.
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