

To: President's Cabinet
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Impact of COVID-19 (#770)

Dr. Teis reported that the Texas State University versus Southern Methodist University football game will be moved from September 5, 2020, to August 29, 2020. The maximum stadium capacity will be 25 percent for this game. Regarding tickets, 3,500 will be set aside for the general public and 4,000 will be set aside for students. Dr. Cavitt will discuss with Dr. Teis the best method for issuing tickets to students.

Dr. Carranco provided an update on the COVID-19 pandemic in Texas. The positivity rate has decreased about six percentage points from a peak of 18 percent to 12 percent. Limited surveillance testing indicates that the prevalence rate is about five percent. To prepare for fall 2020, Texas State has and continues to bolster its testing capacity and its ability to isolate students who test positive for COVID-19. Dr. Carranco proposed purchasing PCR testing equipment to increase testing capacity and support mandatory testing requirements by the Department of Athletics and the Child Development Center. Dr. Cavitt and Mr. Algoe work with Dr. Carranco to explore funding options.

Dr. Carranco recommended asking students and employees to take their temperature daily prior to coming onto Texas State campuses. Cabinet members approved. Dr. Lloyd will make sure the [Roadmap to Return](#) and faculty, staff, and student COVID-19 training modules are updated accordingly.

Development Update (#588)

Dr. Breier and guest Dr. Dan Perry reviewed the recent fiscal year quarterly reports. This fall University Advancement's focus will be on the Big Ideas. The process for submitting proposals for projects that align with six Big Ideas areas have been reopened, and proposals will be accepted through October 30, 2020. The entire [University Administration](#) website has been redesigned and a specific [Big Ideas](#) website has been launched. In preparation for Step Up for State, several initiatives will be implemented to broaden attention and awareness of the Big Ideas.

Dr. Perry reviewed strategies implemented for engaging alumni and donors.

Enrollment Management (#9)

Provost Bourgeois and guests Mr. Gary Ray and Mr. Elias Martinez provided an update on enrollment for fall 2020. Overall headcount is 36,692, down 1.9 percent compared to the same time last year.

Mr. Ray highlighted several indicators suggesting that enrollment will improve over the upcoming weeks. For instance, week-to-week enrollment trends are steadily increasing; graduate enrollment is up due, in part, to the launch of several new graduate degree programs; new freshmen and transfer applications are at an all-time high and are still being processed; freshmen admits and new student orientation registrants are at an all-time high; nearly 1,000 advising appointments, which include new freshmen and transfer students, have been scheduled for August 2020 and will likely matriculate into higher enrollment counts and student credit hours; more than 100 stopouts are in the pipeline for readmittance; and funding awards for students, including the Bobcat to Bobcat funds, were awarded on July 31, 2020.

Provost Bourgeois announced that as of July 31, 2020, there are 368 pending requests to transition courses from face-to-face to a remote instructional modality.

Mr. Elias Martinez provided an update on enrollment and social media posts related to delivery of instruction and student services during fall 2020. Mr. Martinez summarized topics discussed through social media channels. Regarding the Dean of Students message sent to students on July 29, 2020, most comments either pertained to students having to self-quarantine or assessment of electronic course fees. The themes generated from the posts were used to inform the development of additional [Frequently Asked Questions](#) on the [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) website.

Pandemic/Post Pandemic Work Groups (#771)

Dr. Lloyd and guest Dr. Debbie Thorne provided an update on the creation of a platform for faculty and staff to provide written feedback. Cabinet members approved the process for obtaining feedback.

RTA: 8/31/20 Dr. Cavitt will discuss responses to the first thematic feedback survey.

Scheduling of University Facilities UPPSs

Mr. Algoe reviewed the recommended changes to UPPS 08.01.01, Scheduling of University Facilities as well as the new UPPS 08.01.08, Scheduling of University Facilities-Round Rock Campus. Cabinet members approved.

President's Update (#556)

President Trauth announced that The Texas State University System employees will be returning to the San Marcos Campus on August 17, 2020.

Significant Issues (#01)

Provost Bourgeois announced that the Child Development Center has reopened.

Mr. Algoe shared the return to school schedule for local preK-12 school districts.

Dr. Cavitt discussed events for students, and whether outdoor events should be limited to 100 students or to 50 percent capacity. President Trauth will seek guidance from Chancellor Brian McCall.

Dr. Johnson provided a brief update on his presidential fellow project. Of the 25 students involved in the project, 88 percent have already registered for the fall 2020. The preliminary results indicate the positive impact of this engagement activity on student retention.

Mr. Pierce announced that the newest Windows update is locking some Texas State users out of their Texas State issued computers. To resolve the issue, impacted users will need to begin a LiveChat session with the Information Technology Assistance Center.

Mr. Pierce provided an update on the technology upgrades of 325 classrooms. To date, 286 classroom upgrades have been completed. The rest will be completed prior to the start of the fall 2020 semester.

Dr. Silva announced that the second town hall in the Restorative Justice series will be on August 3, 2020.

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