

To: President's Cabinet  
From: Denise M. Trauth  
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### **Safety and Security**

Mr. Algoe, Dr. Lloyd, and guests Mr. Steven Healy, CEO of Margolis Healy, Ms. Leslie Gomez, Vice Chair at Cozen O'Connor, Ms. Kristina Morales, Clery Act Compliance Specialist, and Chief Laurie Clouse provided an update on Clery Act Compliance efforts.

### **Inclusion and Diversity (#747)**

Dr. Lloyd continued the discussion on maximizing inclusive excellence at Texas State and proposed revisions to the organizational framework of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

### **Federal Stimulus Package**

Dr. Trauth continued the discussion on the federal stimulus package and how the funds may be used by institutions of higher education. Mr. Algoe reported that guidance from the Department of Education is forthcoming. Cabinet members agreed that the guidance is necessary to inform how the funds can be applied.

Provost Bourgeois announced that the gross annual income cap of the Bobcat Promise Program has been increased from \$35,000 to \$50,000. Current and incoming students, who qualify for this program, will be contacted individually to receive this information.

### **Inclusion and Diversity (#747)**

Dr. Silva discussed updates from the DACA Advisory and Resource Network. Dr. Silva presented the short-term and long-term action plans and recommended naming the center, serving DACA students, "The TXST Monarch Center for Immigrant Students." Cabinet members approved the name.

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

This item was not discussed.

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

Provost Bourgeois provided an update on fall 2020 enrollment. The number of registrants for New Student Orientation (NSO) is down about 15 percent. Provost Bourgeois speculated that uncertainty around shelter-in-place restrictions and the COVID-19 crisis continues to challenge NSO registration numbers.

President Trauth asked Dr. Teis to brief the Cabinet on Sun Belt discussions and decisions in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis at a future Cabinet meeting.

**RTA: 5/4/20 Discuss Sun Belt response to the COVID-19 crisis.**

Mr. Algoe suggested that a post-pandemic task force be convened to engage in discussions about how the pandemic may: 1) impact the next 12 months, with a focus on fall 2020; and 2) possibly have long-lasting changes to higher education. The task force would envision/recommend strategies to address these changes in order to successfully transition Texas State into a post-pandemic world.

Dr. Smith discussed a request by faculty and staff for a refund for campus recreation services. Cabinet members agreed that for those who pay monthly, they can request to cancel at any time, and for those who have already paid for the year membership, they can receive credit that can be applied for when the Student Recreation Center reopens.

Dr. Smith provided a housing update.

Dr. Teis announced that nine high schools will hold their graduation ceremonies in the University Events Center in August 2020.

Mr. Algoe is working with the City of San Marcos and exploring the feasibility of using a Texas State parking lot on the weekends for drive-up COVID-19 testing.

Mr. Pierce addressed concerns raised by staff about keeping the Albert B. Alkek Library open. Mr. Pierce provided benchmark and usage data and a list of initiatives that have been implemented to protect library staff and students using the library.

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