

To: President's Cabinet
From: Denise M. Trauth
Subject: President's Cabinet Meeting
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ADA Coordinator Workload

Dr. Smith provided an informational handout that contained a division-specific list of accommodation requests within the past two years. After discussion, Cabinet members agreed that a centralized approach to manage ADA accommodation requests was the best approach and authorized the ADA Coordinator to notify the appropriate Cabinet member at the point of discord to assist in arriving at an accommodation solution. Provost Bourgeois reported that Dr. Bill Covington, Director of the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP), agreed to create a prepopulated template with standard information relating to ADA compliance and include the template into the package of information that OSP prepares for grant PI's to use in making grant submissions.

Homecoming Game (#179)

Dr. Breier discussed possible dates available for the fall 2015 Homecoming. Dr. Teis provided a draft of the 2015-2016 football schedule. After discussion, it was determined that Dr. Teis would send an email to Cabinet members when he obtains Sun Belt conference football schedule information, Dr. Breier and Dr. Smith would propose a date for fall 2015 Homecoming in the future, and Provost Bourgeois would poll the Council of Academic Deans to determine whether special events were being planned for Homecoming and report his finding to Cabinet.

RTA 3/23/15 Discuss Homecoming Day.

Tobacco Policy (UPPS 04.05.02)

Dr. Smith provided a memorandum that recommends the addition of electronic cigarettes to the list of tobacco products prohibited in section 01.02 of UPPS 04.05.02. She indicated that electronic cigarettes were already prohibited by a City of San Marcos ordinance. Cabinet members supported the recommendation.

President's Update (#556)

President Trauth announced that the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Signing of the Higher Education Act will be held on campus on October 26, 2015. She asked Cabinet members to suggest ideas for a memento that could be placed on campus to commemorate the event.

President Trauth announce that two Memorandums of Understanding have been signed by donors agreeing to provide: (1) \$5,000,000 to go toward the construction of a new Engineering and Science Building on the San Marcos campus and (2) \$2,100,000 worth of concrete to be

used in the construction of the building. Both of these gifts are contingent upon the Texas Legislature agreeing to provide TRB funding for the building. A press release will be published announcing the gift. President Trauth hopes to be able to name the donors in her presentation before the Senate Finance Committee on February 12, 2015.

President Trauth announced that Dr. Brittain and Dr. Feakes will be attending the Board of Regents meeting on February 19-20, 2015.

President Trauth reported that a complaint had been received from a parent that alleged that the City of San Marcos Police Department had engaged in racial profiling behavior and litigation was being considered.

Significant Issues (#01)

Dr. Breier announced that Freescale Semiconductor agreed to bring its 40-Ton "Internet of Tomorrow" technology showcase truck to campus on March 12, 2015. The truck is on a rolling, year long Internet of Things roadshow around the western United States. She reminded Cabinet members that Freescale Semiconductor is a Texas State University "Hero" and it may make future gifts to Texas State. She indicated that it was also interested in holding a remote-controlled cars student competition event at Texas State in April 2015 if a campus location was available.

Dr. Wyatt cautioned Cabinet members about security issues that exist with fully-wired home and car systems.

Dr. Smith announced that a Transfer Student Welcome Reception is planned for the week of February 16, 2015, and that plans were being made to add a spirit and pride piece to the Bobcat Preview.

Dr. Smith reported that a Student Service Fee report is being submitted, by each component university, to The Texas State University System and that she hoped that the System would compile the information, send the compilation back to all component universities, and allow vetting of the information prior to presenting the information to the Board of Regents.

President Trauth invited all Cabinet members to attend a celebration event that will be held on February 28, 2015, at the President's House, honoring Dianne and Michael Bowman as Texas State Heroes.

Provost Bourgeois reported that renovations are being planned for the LBJ and Alkek Teaching Theaters. The renovations will to be staged to accommodate summer student orientation sessions and teaching needs. The tentative plan calls for stage one to occur May 8-June 1, 2015, and stage two to occur during the break after the fall 2015 semester. He will coordinate meetings and provide needed information to all stakeholders.

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

Dr. Brittain reminded Cabinet members to submit any proposed changes in the Regents' Rules to her by February 16, 2015. Dr. Smith reported that she would be submitting changes relating to Title IX. Dr. Wyatt reported that he would be submitting changes relative to IT security guidelines. Provost Bourgeois reported that his office would be submitting changes requested by the Faculty Senate.

Loop 82 (Aquarena Springs) Overpass (#644)

Dr. Teis reported that on February 12, 2015, there will be a meeting of all stakeholders involved in the Loop 82 construction project and expressed his concerns relating to the construction timeline and the need for information concerning construction plans and staging so that appropriate arrangement can be made in advance to reduce the impact on the university, students, staff, and public.

Enrollment Management (#9)

Provost Bourgeois reported that, based on preliminary data, spring 2015 freshman applications were up 12.8 percent, freshman acceptance was up by 22 percent, and a freshman class of 5500 was anticipated.

Cats' Caravan (#712)

Dr. Breier announced Cats' Caravan events were planned for March 27-28, 2015 in the Dallas/Fort Worth area and invited Cabinet members to attend.

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