

To: President's Cabinet  
From: Denise M. Trauth  
Subject: President's Cabinet Meeting  
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### **Demonstration/Protesting**

Dr. Lloyd, Mr. Algoe, and guest Dr. Sherri Benn began an initial discussion of strategies to promote collaborative planning and meaningful action that supports the safety, equity, and wellbeing of Black students. President Trauth charged a small work group to identify strategies and present them at a future President's Cabinet meeting. Work group members include: Mr. Algoe, Dr. Benn, Dr. Scott Bowman, UPD Chief Laurie Clouse, Dr. Dana Fitzpatrick, Dr. Johnson, Dr. Lloyd, and Dr. Silva.

### **RTA: 7/6/20 Discuss strategies to promote collaborative planning and meaningful action that supports the safety, equity, and wellbeing of Black students.**

Dr. Lloyd and Dr. Benn began an initial discussion on preparing the university for the fall 2020 election season. Dr. Benn proposed convening an Elections Task Force to envision, develop, and implement strategies that can foster respectful discourse. Cabinet members offered membership suggestions.

### **RTA: 6/29/20 Present recommendations for the 2020 Elections Task Force.**

### **Review of Email Accounts for Retirees**

Dr. Breier and guests, Mr. Dan Owen and Dr. Dan Perry, reviewed the proposed policy changes to the Retiree Email Plan.

### **Impact of COVID-19 (#770)**

Dr. Lloyd reviewed the Frequency Asked Questions (FAQs) provided by The TSUS Office of General Counsel and led a discussion on which of the FAQs should be added to Texas State's COVID-19 FAQ page.

Mr. Algoe discussed the return to in-person work resource guide. Cabinet members discussed the need to clarify the current cloth face coverings requirement and agreed that cloth face coverings are required on the Texas State campuses indoors at all times unless alone in a room behind closed doors and outdoors when physical distancing cannot be maintained.

Provost Bourgeois announced that faculty interested in transitioning their classes from face-to-face to online can work with their department chairs/school directors to submit their requests to change instructional modality for the summer II 2020 and fall 2020 semesters by a revised

deadline of July 29, 2020. New requests for changes to instructional methods should be submitted to the University Registrar.

Provost Bourgeois led a discussion on whether to cancel events scheduled in the LBJSC Ballroom through the end of December 2020. ITAC will set up a computer lab in one of the ballrooms. The other ballroom can be made available for some events. Dr. Cavitt sought clarification on whether co-curricular activities would be limited by a certain number of participants or a percentage of room capacity.

**RTA: 6/29/20 Discuss limits on event attendance.**

President Trauth expressed the need to develop engagement strategies for incoming freshmen.

**RTA: 7/8/20 Guests Dr. Jenn Beck and Dr. Michael Nava to discuss freshman engagement and retention.**

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

President Trauth announced that she will talk with Faculty Senate about whether to make Juneteenth a university holiday. For consideration, Provost Bourgeois shared that a reading day would need to be eliminated.

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

Provost Bourgeois provided a preliminary enrollment report.

Dr. Breier led a discussion on communicating to the university community about strategies to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Dr. Cavitt provided a housing update.

Dr. Silva announced that, in consultation with President Trauth, titles such as Mr., Mrs., Ms., and Miss will no longer be used before full names in official correspondence from the president and vice presidents.

Mr. Pierce announced that the University Libraries will be hosting a virtual formal visit by the Association of Research Libraries on June 23-25, 2020.

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