

To: President's Cabinet  
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### **Board of Regents' Review (#500)**

Cabinet members reviewed Texas State items on the agenda for the August 2014 Board of Regents' meeting in Austin with Faculty Senate Chair Michel Conroy, Staff Council Chair Janell Pemberton, Student Government President Tiffany Young, and Mr. Jayme Blaschke.

### **Board of Regents News Release (#626)**

Mr. Jayme Blaschke met with Cabinet to discuss possible topics for inclusion in the news release on the August 2014 Board of Regents' meeting and recommended that the STAR Park land acquisition be our lead story, along with the authorization to finish out of space in the STAR One facility.

Dr. Gratz shared information about the *Washington Monthly's* new university rankings. Cabinet members agreed that since we are still classified as a master's institution in the Carnegie classification, we will await media inquiries regarding these new rankings.

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

President Trauth noted that soon after the August 2014 Regents' meeting we will need to begin our discussion of tuition and fee increases.

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

Provost Bourgeois commented on the quality of the entering freshman class.

Mr. Nance noted that over the next 24-month period, San Marcos Electric Utility will be passing along a shortfall from winter 2014 to customers including Texas State. He estimates that our cost will be \$1.1 million dollars.

Dr. Smith reported that attendance at all freshman events was excellent. The total registration count was 5,273.

Dr. Smith has received a request for a wedding in Sewell Park. Mr. Nance noted that we have already permitted the use of the meadow at The Meadows Center, with an appropriate charge. Cabinet members agreed that we need to develop a general policy on what kinds of areas may be scheduled on a space available basis for weddings and other special events.

Dr. Gratz shared information from the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities' Student Achievement Measure database. This data indicates that for the fall 2007 cohort, six years after initial enrollment 82 percent of Texas State's entering freshman class had either graduated from Texas State, graduated from another institution, or were still enrolled at Texas State or at another institution.

Cabinet members observed that the August 23, 2014, New Student Convocation was an excellent event.

#### **Title IX (#704)**

Dr. Gratz also discussed a proposal for Title IX investigator training prepared by Dr. Gilda Garcia. The contract will be signed at the system level to permit all TSUS components to participate.

#### **Football (#601)**

Dr. Teis discussed the opening of the Pavilion before the August 30, 2014, football game, noting that there will be an informal ceremony at 4:30 p.m. with Bobcat Club and T Association members invited. He noted that we are again treating the stadium for bats in preparation for fall 2014 games. He also reported that HEB has donated an 18 wheeler trailer and Rush Enterprises has donated the cab for moving football equipment. University Marketing has assisted in designing an appropriate wrap for the trailer. The September 11, 2014, San Marcos Bobcat Club luncheon will have about 560 in attendance. Provost Bourgeois reported that he has received an inquiry from the *University Star* regarding midweek football night games and classes, noting that he intends to say that classes will meet as scheduled.

#### **University Golf Carts (#622)**

Mr. Nance reported that he has received several calls about the new golf cart policy and its impact on tailgating. He will work with concerned parties, but Cabinet members agreed that we will not authorize a variance.

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