

To: President's Cabinet
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Bobcat Stadium Recycling Pilot Project Report

Dr. Hustvedt shared results of the fall 2014 Bobcat Stadium Recycling Pilot Project, noting that the graduate student who led this project made this study part of a thesis project. The analysis included special questions for freshmen comparing high school and college experiences. Student respondents demonstrated an awareness of the recent availability of expanded recycling opportunities. Dr. Hustvedt noted that the containers used are now in storage, but could be used for spring 2014 sports events. She provided several questions for discussion regarding future recycling efforts at athletic contests, recommending that we extend the graduate assistantship for another year. Dr. Hustvedt observed that a recycling program assistantship could be beneficial for a student's career goals. Mr. Nance noted that the current waste removal contract permits adjustments that could accommodate an expanded recycling effort. Cabinet members agreed to continue graduate student funding for the coming year. Dr. Teis agreed to continue recycling efforts, beginning with the March 18, 2014, baseball game against Rice if possible. Mr. Nance will ask Mr. Juan Guerra to work with the custodial contractor on necessary contract adjustments and to explore recycling possibilities for Strahan Coliseum.

Developing Improved Strategies for News Stories about Texas State

Due to Dr. Breier's absence, this topic will be returned to an upcoming agenda. Dr. Gratz will ask Dr. Breier whether she wants to include Mr. Matt Flores and Mr. Jayme Blaske as guests for this discussion.

RTA 4/7/14 Developing Improved Strategies for News Stories about Texas State Discuss developing improved strategies for news stories about Texas State.

Regents' Staff Award (#697)

Mr. Nance reported that at BSC they recommended that the Staff Council be asked to develop a recommended list for Cabinet consideration each year based on some established criteria (e.g., at least 20 years at Texas State; Employee of the Month at least once). Provost Bourgeois said that the Council of Academic Deans had reached the same conclusion. Mr. Nance and Dr. Gratz agreed to develop a charge for the Staff Council (including a possible change to the Roster of Councils, Committees, and Teams).

President's Update (#556)

President Trauth noted that the visits to Washington included positive feedback on the VALOR (with \$7M for ALERRT) and School Safety Center (\$1M). Invasive Species Center (ISIS) also got some attention. President Trauth noted that we need to be careful to maintain the distinction between projects related to invasive species and those related to endangered species since these two areas are perceived very differently in federal offices.

Significant Issues (#01)

Provost Bourgeois reported that positive response to salary review and graduate assistant raises and staff addition possibilities.

Dr. Bourgeois also noted that generally this year's tenure and promotion applications are very strong.

Athletics, Softball/Baseball (#541)

Dr. Teis noted that the March 18, 2014, baseball game against Rice will be televised.

Football (#601)

Dr. Teis reminded Cabinet members that football spring training is beginning.

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