Performing Arts Center (#668)

Dean Tim Mottet and Ms. Mary Ann Mendoza met with Cabinet to review activities of committees associated with dedication week events. President Trauth reported that she had spoken with Chancellor Brian McCall, and they had agreed that on Thursday afternoon Regents will move directly from their meeting in the LBJ Student Center to the Dedication without returning to the hotel. Therefore, we will not open a hospitality room on Thursday afternoon. President Trauth and Cabinet members agreed that we will combine receptions for the Regents’ meeting guests and other special guests invited to the Dedication (contractors, architects, etc.). Dean Mottet provided a detailed review of plans for the Regents’ meeting dinner on Thursday evening, the Pride in Action Campaign Celebration on Friday evening, and the Sunday afternoon community Grand Opening event. Dean Mottet noted that the week’s celebrations will involve 270 students, eight ensembles, 11 production staff members, and all five units in the College.

RTA 2/10/14 Guests: Ms. Mary Ann Mendoza and Dean Tim Mottet Review activities of committees associated with dedication week events.

Jeff Foster Jersey Retirement

Dr. Teis shared information about the Jeff Foster Jersey Retirement Ceremony scheduled for February 8, 2014. He noted that we will hold an invitation-only reception in the Maroon and Gold Room. President Trauth noted that Jeff will also participate in some of the Pride in Action celebrations around the State. Cabinet members agreed that we will avoid using “Southwest Texas” on the commemorative koozie if possible.

Alumni Reception at Sun Belt Basketball Conference Tournament

Dr. Teis discussed pending Conference plans for an alumni reception on Saturday, March 15, 2014, at the Sun Belt Basketball Tournament in New Orleans. Dr. Trauth noted that the Sun Belt Basketball Tournament has a five-year contract for the event to be held in New Orleans, and we should be encouraging attendance. Dr. Breier indicated that she may plan a dinner or reception for alumni and friends who attend. Drs. Teis, Breier, and Trauth will continue developing plans for our alumni event in conjunction with the Tournament. Dr. Teis indicated that 11 cheerleaders and 10 Strutters will travel to the Tournament to participate; President Trauth agreed to provide support for the basketball pep band’s travel expenses and asked for these support groups to be at the arena to play the fight song as they greet the teams’ arrival.
UFCU Proposal

Dr. Breier and Mr. Nance reviewed a proposal from University Federal Credit Union (UFCU) that is expanding their service to Hays County and is interested in becoming involved with the University. They are exploring both an Athletics marketing agreement and donations to other university programs. President Trauth stressed the need to keep the Athletics marketing agreement and any gifts separate and distinct. UFCU has asked about possible ATMs on campus and understands that ATMs would be contingent on a successful response to an RFP. Mr. Nance shared several suggested locations for ATMs on campus that could be included in an open RFP, and Cabinet members agreed that the Student Recreation Center, the Alkek Library, Athletics, and the Round Rock Campus are acceptable potential ATM locations.

Strahan Coliseum Expansion (#698)

Mr. Nance asked if Cabinet members had received comments on the initial recently completed Strahan Coliseum Feasibility Study. Dr. Wyatt noted that the planning team needs to have full participation by telecommunications staff members to assure adequate infrastructure. Provost Bourgeois expressed support for The Proscenium-All-In Concept, noting a variety of benefits of this plan. Cabinet members agreed and stressed that this plan would need to involve the same kind of integration of “new” and “old” that we achieved in the expansion of Bobcat Stadium. The full project should be called the University Events Center, one element of which would be Strahan Coliseum. Mr. Nance indicated that with this guidance the architects can now develop firmer cost estimates and breakdowns by funding sources, including potential retail and other income opportunities and can develop plans for including this project on the May CIP update.

RTA 2/24/14  Review revised Strahan Coliseum Expansion Plans.

President’s Update (#556)

President Trauth noted that Commissioner Will Conley is coming to campus on January 30, 2014, for to a briefing on our collaborative work with Texas A&M at the Freeman Ranch.

President Trauth reminded Cabinet members that the celebration of the LEED certification for Chautauqua Residence Hall and Gaillardia Residence Hall complex will be on January 29, 2014.

Football (#601)

President Trauth shared a CBS Sports article provided by Commissioner Karl Benson about the final impact of football conference performance on this year’s FBS revenue distribution.

Significant Issues (#01)

Provost Bourgeois reported that our General Education Core Curriculum was recently approved by the Coordinating Board.

Mr. Nance shared information about a new press at the Print Shop that will print metallic gold.
Dr. Breier shared information about a reception honoring The Texas State University System that will be hosted by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo on Monday March 17, 2014, noting that Cabinet members are invited to attend. She asked for a quick RSVP.

Dr. Hustvedt has been meeting with representatives of the City of San Marcos about litter-related topics. She noted that we will have a special guest speaker in association with a River Clean-up on April 5-7, 2014.

Dr. Wyatt reported that plans for rolling out CrashPlan this spring are moving forward.

Dr. Smith shared information with Cabinet members about stories have recently appeared about Texas State students participating in Sugar Babies.

Dr. Smith also noted that based on the latest information, she does not anticipate a campus weather closure on January 28, 2014.

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