To: President’s Cabinet

From: Denise M. Trauth

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**Emergency Operations Plan (#752)**

Mr. Algoe continued the discussion of the Emergency Management System goals for fiscal year 2020. Mr. Algoe disseminated an updated Emergency Management Responsibility matrix developed to identify the persons responsible for each area of emergency management. The persons with primary or coordinator responsibilities will be tasked with updating the corresponding annex in the emergency operations plan. President Trauth underscored the importance of ensuring that this plan clearly delineates emergency management procedures for both the Round Rock and San Marcos campuses.

Mr. Algoe proposed revisions to the Emergency Management Committee membership list. Mr. Algoe described that committee members’ roles and responsibilities are primarily limited to writing the emergency operations plan and organizing training exercises. Cabinet members provided suggestions to the membership. Mr. Algoe will circulate a revised membership list to Cabinet members.

**RTA: 4/15/19**  Continue discussion on revisions to the Emergency Management System.

**Development Update (#588)**

Dr. Breier provided an update on University Advancement fundraising as of January 3, 2019.

**Student Handbook on Student Protests**

Mr. Algoe discussed Texas State policies and procedures on handling protests and provided a resource manual as a guide for further discussion. To give Cabinet members time to read this resource, this item will be discussed at greater length during the President’s Cabinet Retreat on January 31, 2019. In preparation, Dr. Smith will also circulate a draft of the Demonstrations on Campus policy.

**External Speakers Using University Facilities Policy (#743)**

Dr. Smith reviewed the new draft version of the request form that accompanies UPPS 07.04.04, External Speakers Using University Facilities Policy. Cabinet members provided suggestions and asked Dr. Smith to bring a revised version of the form back to a future Cabinet meeting.

**RTA: 1/28/19**  Review the revised draft version of the request form that accompanies UPPS 07.04.04, External Speakers Using University Facilities Policy.
Public Art Committee

President Trauth discussed public art for the lounge in the expanded LBJ Student Center. Mr. Algoe reported that $357,000 has been allocated for art in the LBJ Student Center. President Trauth requested that the Public Art Committee be convened. Mr. Algoe suggested that Art + Artisans Consultants, who Texas State has used in previous construction projects and who are familiar with Texas State’s philosophy and policies, submit proposals to the committee and engage in an iterative process to identify the most fitting art work for the LBJ Student Center.

President’s Update (#556)

President Trauth discussed the Cabinet Retreat scheduled for January 31, 2019, and asked Cabinet members to read the report titled "Speaking Truth and Acting with Integrity" by the American Council on Education in preparation for the retreat.

President Trauth shared a preliminary report on the Group of Five conferences power rankings, indicating that the Sun Belt Conference finished third, five percentage points lower than top-ranked Mountain West and eight percentage points higher than Conference USA.

President Trauth announced that Bobcat Club is hosting the 2019 National Signing Day Dinner on February 6, 2019, which is the same day as The Texas State University System (TSUS) Board of Regents Gala. Given that both events are important to Texas State, President Trauth asked Dr. Breier, Dr. Lloyd, and Dr. Weigum to attend the Bobcat Club dinner and Mr. Algoe, Provost Bourgeois, Mr. Pierce, and Dr. Smith to join President Trauth at the TSUS Gala.

Athletics Issues (#636)

President Trauth discussed marketing of the Athletics Program and requested that the Athletics Program engage both Academic Affairs and University Advancement in reviewing and strengthening its marketing plan.

Significant Issues (#01)

Provost Bourgeois announced that the Bachelor of Science with a major in Civil Engineering is on the agenda for approval at the upcoming Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board meeting on January 24, 2019.

Dr. Weigum provided an update on her presidential fellow project. Dr. Weigum also reviewed her primary project goals, which are to: evaluate the need for a university-level Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship; identify Texas State’s existing strengths and new opportunities for growth in this area; and propose the resources and structural elements needed to differentiate Texas State from other state/national centers.
Mr. Algoe provided an update on two public-private partnership (P3) projects: a research building project at STAR Park; and a student housing project adjacent to the San Marcos Campus.

Dr. Breier announced that Texas State has been named among the nation’s Best Employers for Diversity by Forbes magazine.

Mr. Pierce announced that the new Information Technology Assistance Center on the Round Rock Campus is now open.

Dr. Smith provided a preliminary fall 2018 to spring 2019 retention report.

Dr. Teis discussed the success of the Texas State Athletics men’s and women’s basketball teams.

**Enrollment Management (#9)**

Provost Bourgeois provided a preliminary update on registration for spring 2019 and fall 2019. Most recent reports indicate that student credit hours are up almost two-percent, attributing the success, in part, to the scholarship optimization plan.

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