

To: President's Cabinet
From: Denise M. Trauth
Subject: President's Cabinet Meeting
April 1, 2015

UPPS 04.04.37, The Excellence in Diversity Award (#714)

Dr. Brittain and Dr. Garcia reviewed the Equity and Access Committee's recommendations for revision of UPPS 04.04.37. After discussion, Cabinet approved the proposed revisions and the extension of the deadline for nominations to April 10, 2015.

TSUS Safety and Security Initiative (#715)

Mr. Nance reported that a system-wide meeting on the topic of the TSUS Safety and Security Initiative was held to discuss the initiative, the system-wide survey instrument, and timeline. He explained that the survey instrument is in the process of being completed and that he will share the results with Cabinet members prior to the May 2015 meeting of the Board of Regents.

RTA 5/1/15 Discuss results of TSUS Safety and Security Initiative survey instrument.

Student Regent, TSUS (#597)

Dr. Smith provided handouts relating to three programs that currently exist to provide students with the opportunity to interact with The Texas State University System Board of Regents and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. These opportunities include the following: (a) Student Regent: State of Texas; (b) The Texas State University System Regents' Student Scholar Program, and (c) Non-Voting Student Representative to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Cabinet members discussed the need to disseminate information about these opportunities to students and to encourage qualified students to apply for these opportunities.

Homecoming Game (#179)

Dr. Breier provided a handout that contained the fall 2015 Texas State Homecoming tentative schedule for November 6-7, 2015, and the 2015 Texas State Football Schedule with proposed events and programs.

50th Anniversary of the Signing of the Higher Education Act (#572)

Provost Bourgeois reported that all stakeholders supported the idea of using funding that is to be set aside for art in the proposed, new Engineering and Science Building, to commission a sculpture to be designed to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the signing of the Higher Education Act.

President's Update (#556)

President Trauth announced that her trip to Washington, D. C. to meet with legislative members and alumni was successful, that Texas State will host the November 2015 meeting of the Board of Regents, and that there will be a Presidential Reception at the President's house on April 21, 2015, to host a delegation from the European Union.

Significant Issues (#01)

Provost Bourgeois provided a handout that contained information about a Gato Template Redesign project. He explained that the project will provide additional template design options that will be available to all end users.

Provost Bourgeois announced that restricted research expenditures had increased, that the Cats Caravan event in Plano, Texas, was successful, and that the University was working with the San Marcos High School to hold the Project Graduation event on campus.

Dr. Breier asked Cabinet members to send her names of individuals to participate in a feasibility study that is being done by consultants relative to positioning strategies.

Dr. Wyatt announced that on June 1, 2015, modem connection to university servers would be discontinued explaining that most end users were no longer using that connection modality.

Dr. Wyatt reported on the status of planning for the March 31, 2016, Lonesome Dove Gala event that will be held in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

Dr. Smith announced that a Student Affairs Symposium: Advancing a Culture of Cohesion and Community Trust, will be held on April 23-24, 2015.

Dr. Smith asked that the practice relating to the non-approval by Division Vice-Presidents of Out-of-State-Travel Requests be revisited. She suggested that a better practice would be to allow divisions to maintain the Vice Presidential approval requirement if the division determined that the requirement was helpful in maintaining equity in the use of travel funds within the division. Mr. Nance stated the travel workflow system could be adjusted to make that suggested practice workable. After discussion, Cabinet members agreed to allow a division to decide whether or not to require their Vice President's approval of out-of-state travel requests.

Dr. Teis announced a change in the time of the Oak Farms Dairy Academic Awards Ceremony on April 8, 2015.

Dr. Brittain announced that, in preparation for the May 2015 meeting of the Board of Regents, she will be requesting input from Cabinet members to include in the President's Briefing document.

Enrollment Management (#9)

Provost Bourgeois announced that, due to the increase in the number of applications for fall 2015 admission, there was a need to discuss enrollment management for fall 2015.

RTA 4/8/15 Discuss fall 2015 enrollment projections.

Cats' Caravan (#712)

Dr. Breier discussed upcoming Cats Caravan events scheduled for April 27, 2015, in Austin and April 28, 2015, in San Antonio.

Family Campaign (#696)

Dr. Breier circulated a copy of the Family Campaign Report Results as of March 27, 2015.

Athletics, Softball/Baseball (#541)

Dr. Teis announced that Texas State will be playing baseball against The University of Texas in Austin on April 21, 2015.

Classroom Lab Utilization/Space Allocation (#372)

Mr. Nance distributed the fall 2014 Texas State University Instructional Space Usage Efficiency Report.

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Tuition and Fee Plans (#380)

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