

To: President's Cabinet
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Strategic Plan for Research

Provost Bourgeois and guest, Dr. Walt Horton, reviewed the update to the Strategic Plan for Research. Dr. Horton expressed his appreciation for all of the individuals involved, and gave special recognition to Dr. Michael Blanda and Dr. Aimee Roundtree for their significant contributions to finalizing the updated plan. The primary foci of the updates were master- and doctoral-level education; areas of research that are fundable, in line with new/current doctoral programs, and meet current workforce needs; and faculty and student development. Cabinet members were asked to provide suggestions to Provost Bourgeois by April 26, 2019, as the updated plan is due to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) on April 30, 2019. Dr. Horton will share the document with the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Committee to ensure that the proposed QEP is aligned with Texas State's Strategic Plan for Research.

Commencement (#143)

Provost Bourgeois and guest, Dr. Vedaraman Sriraman, discussed building construction, road construction, parking, and other transportation issues related to upcoming commencement ceremonies. As of April 13, 2019, 5,114 students have applied for spring 2019 graduation; each ceremony is expected to honor between 427 and 558 students.

Cabinet members discussed the need to clearly delineate the roles and responsibilities of staff in the Department of Athletics and Division of Information Technology who are needed to assist with commencement.

Coordinating Board Meeting (#5)

Dr. Lloyd highlighted the agenda items that involve or impact Texas State, including the THECB's approval for: Texas State faculty to serve on a variety of field of study advisory committees; and certification of gifts that are fundable through the Texas Research Incentive Program. In addition, board approval of the bachelor of science in civil engineering is in the minutes from the January 24, 2019, meeting.

President's Update (#556)

President Trauth discussed Twitter accounts associated with Texas State, particularly the pros and cons of allowing advertisements to be posted on a Texas State Twitter account. Dr. Teis and Mr. Algoe will review contracts between the Department of Athletics and advertisers to determine if such agreements are already in place.

President Trauth discussed the potential for demonstrations on the San Marcos Campus by groups not affiliated with Texas State and the measures that are being taken to protect Texas State students.

President Trauth discussed organizational changes to the Round Rock Campus. In particular, President Trauth asked Cabinet members to have a greater presence on the Round Rock Campus by visiting the campus at least one time per month.

Significant Issues (#01)

Dr. Smith announced that Student Association for Campus Activities is hosting Gaillardia Fest on April 27, 2019. Faculty, staff, and students will be able to enjoy carnival games, food, live music, and other performances.

Mr. Algoe discussed the process by which the Treasurer's Office is capturing all fees assessed to students. Mr. Algoe reminded Cabinet members to make sure that key leaders in their respective divisions to complete the data collection survey as soon as possible. Mr. Algoe also announced that Student Business Services will be the only entity at the university with the ability to place financial holds.

Provost Bourgeois shared that Dr. Edna Rehbein requested that a time capsule be placed in the Avery Building on the Round Rock Campus. Provost Bourgeois will contact an archivist.

Spring Lake Dam (#484)

Mr. Algoe provided an update on the Spring Lake Dam and the Round Rock Campus recreation field construction projects. Cabinet members suggested development of a communication plan for both internal and external audiences.

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