

To: President's Cabinet
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Impact of COVID-19 (#770)

Dr. Emilio Carranco provided an update on the COVID-19 pandemic and the strategies in play to mitigate the spread. COVID-19 case counts and hospitalizations in Hays and Williamson Counties have stabilized, and there is no evidence of COVID-19 spread on the Texas State campuses.

Provost Bourgeois reviewed the Spring Lake Standard Operations Procedures and solicited feedback.

Cabinet members approved limiting public use of Spring Lake to glass bottom boat rides. Cabinet members agreed that university facilities will not be rented to external groups, even when a group is sponsored by someone affiliated with the university. Vice Presidents may grant exceptions for activities related to the instructional and research mission of the university. While external speakers may be invited to participate in on-campus events, external guests, who may sit in the audience, for instance, may not be invited.

All university events must use an event management system that records attendance to facilitate contact tracing efforts should the need arise.

RTA: 9/14/20 Revisit discussion on renting university facilities to external groups.

Mr. Algae recommended that students who transitioned to 100 percent online after moving into a residence hall may move out and be charged a per diem for the number of days they were in residence. Their student accounts will be credited for the remaining balance. A room will be made available to them upon their return in spring 2020. Cabinet members approved the recommendation.

Provost Bourgeois discussed the need to finalize the spring 2021 schedule soon.

RTA: 9/14/20 Discuss spring 2021 course schedule.

Enrollment Management (#9)

Provost Bourgeois and guest Mr. Gary Ray provided an update on enrollment. Compared to fall 2019, total enrollment and student credit hours for fall 2020 are down 1.3 percent (-499 headcount students) and 3 percent (-13,987 student credit hours), respectively. Graduate enrollment is up 7.8 percent (+313 headcount students) and 9.5 percent (+2,919 student credit hours), respectively.

Mr. Ray provided an update on social media posts related to the delivery of instruction and student services during fall 2020.

Student Health Center (#444)

Dr. Cavitt and Provost Bourgeois reviewed the final report of the roles and responsibilities of faculty to support students facing mental health challenges as well as the guide for faculty supporting students facing mental health challenges. Dr. Cavitt will share the report with leadership in the Division of Student Affairs.

Legislative Appropriations Requests (LAR) (#607)

Mr. Algoe discussed the LAR for 2022-2023 biennium.

Naming of Residence Halls

Dr. Lloyd discussed the naming of residence halls.

RTA: 8/31/20 Continue discussion on naming of residence halls.

President's Update (#556)

President Trauth discussed New Student Convocation.

Significant Issues (#01)

Mr. Algoe announced that the Assistant Vice President, Human Resources position will be posted soon.

Mr. Algoe shared that the City of San Marcos is addressing plumbing problems on University Drive.

Mr. Algoe reported that private offices will be cleaned one time per week thereby enabling custodial staff to focus on deep cleaning of shared spaces.

Mr. Algoe discussed facilities and maintenance of residence halls. Cabinet members will walk through the residence halls prior to the spring 2021 move-in.

Mr. Pierce announced that the Buck Winn Cattle Ranching Mural has been erected and that Starbucks is open in the Albert B. Alkek Library. The LBJ Student Center labs in the ballroom are open.

Mr. Pierce provided updates on upgrades to the management software system.

Posted to web at <http://cabinet.president.txstate.edu/> on September 29, 2020.