

To: President's Cabinet
From: Denise M. Trauth
Subject: President's Cabinet Meeting
Minutes, March 7, 2014

Budget Cycle (#160)

Mr. Nance shared information provided by Mr. Gordon Thyberg who met with Cabinet members to discuss several FY14 budget issues. President Trauth asked that our future budget development plan include a \$2 million Presidential reserve to be allocated as one-time funds built into the base budget for permanent allocation. The President also asked for Cabinet members to discuss their highest priority staffing needs with her in their next staff meeting. Cabinet members agreed that student personnel services graduate assistantships should be moved from the Student Service Fee to "method of finance" funding, noting that Campus Recreation, housing, professional counseling, instructional technology, and the library all have similar graduate assistants. Vice presidents in these areas will meet before the next Cabinet discussion to develop and analysis of these graduate student positions to determine which should be moved to method funding. Cabinet members agreed that the next analysis will assume a three percent merit pool for FY15, and \$2,000 per year increase for the approximately 800 graduate assistant positions listed by Provost Bourgeois.

RTA 3/24/14 Guest: Mr. Gordon Thyberg Discuss FY14 budget issues.

Board of Regents (BOR) Rules and Regulations (#12)

Dr. Gratz shared one proposed change to the *Regents Rules and Regulations* submitted by Mr. Nance. Cabinet members endorsed this proposed change, and Dr. Gratz will prepare it for submission to the System Office. Cabinet members noted that System copyright policy changes are being reviewed by Vice Chancellor Fernando Gomez and may be submitted as part of this review or at a later date. Mr. Nance noted that the System Office may also initiate ETLF language, and some construction language is expected at the System level. Finally, the suspension of the tenure clock issue may lead to a System-initiated change.

Planning for Future Construction/Renovation of Residence Halls

President Trauth asked for a discussion of appropriate price points for future residence halls, noting that this topic is related to the upcoming topic on the Cabinet Retreat. She asked whether we may be getting too many rooms at the high end of the pricing range. Dr. Smith shared an analysis of how many rooms are at which price points. Dr. Smith and Mr. Nance noted that the greatest impact on the pricing structure is caused by the decision to sell 20-year or 30-year bonds.

President's Update (#556)

President Trauth reported that the President's meeting focused on the upcoming Dallas and Washington trips. She noted that with no earmarks, the federal visit process is different. For example, ALERRT now has about \$7 million in the regular federal budget, and the Texas School Safety Center has another \$1 million. She noted that Congressman Lamar Smith is providing significant help. The Normandy Group is also providing very responsive service to the institutions.

President Trauth noted that the Faculty Senate has asked us to exercise care in the way we refer to the two campuses of the University. The President asked for Cabinet members to review Web and printed material to be sure we refer to the two campuses carefully and consistently.

Transportation/Shuttlebus (#166)

President Trauth asked Mr. Nance to comment on the summer bus schedule. Mr. Nance noted that Provost Bourgeois and Ms. Nancy Nusbaum spoke about the summer bus scheduling issue. Providing service until 9:30 p.m. would cost about \$100,000 more than our current expenditures. Provost Bourgeois and Mr. Nance will continue their analysis of this issue.

Significant Issues (#01)

Provost Bourgeois reported that at the last PAAG meeting, the Faculty Senate indicated that it will probably ask for more reports, plans, and similar documents to be posted for greater transparency in sharing information.

Provost Bourgeois also reported that the Council of Chairs has asked for the Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management and Marketing and the University Registrar to meet with them to discuss policies and procedures related to use of classrooms for meetings of student organizations.

Provost Bourgeois reported that Apply Texas has voted to approve a requirement for Social Security numbers to be included on the common admissions application.

Dr. Breier shared information about media coverage of the week of February 24-28, 2014's special events. We expect another feature article next week in the *San Antonio Express-News*.

Dr. Breier also shared a spring update on Discover Texas events.

Dr. Smith reported that the Round Rock Campus has some Saturday and Sunday night classes that are likely to require additional security. Provost Bourgeois agreed to handle this issue.

Dr. Smith reported that we are doing an extensive review of Paws Preview. She expects the retitled event will include improved alternatives with a series of activities over several days and the possible rescheduling of the New Student Convocation.

Dr. Teis responded to questions about changing policies on beer sales at athletic events noting that UT-Austin has just begun sales and the University of North Texas will begin sales this fall 2014.

Dr. Teis noted that the Texas State women are in the Sun Belt Basketball Tournament as the number three or the number four seed. The outcome of the men's game against Troy on March 8, 2014, will determine whether they make the tournament.

Board of Regents – San Marcos Meeting (#573)

Mr. Nance noted that although we originally thought Regents would meet in San Marcos in February 2015, we now expect that since the Legislature will be in session, the February 2015 meeting will be in Austin.

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