

To: President's Cabinet
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Student Government Constitution

Dr. Smith and guest Dr. Margarita Arellano provided an update of the proposed changes to the Student Government Constitution approved by the Student Government. The changes were proposed to increase student participation in Student Government, increase student inclusion/diversity within the organization, and reduce conflict of interest embedded in the governing documents. The next steps will be for the proposed changes to be voted on by the student body in February 2020. If approved, the changes will go into effect in 2021.

Residence Hall Assistant Safety Training

Dr. Smith and guest Dr. Rosanne Proite continued discussion on safety training for residence hall assistants (RAs). In particular, plans for spring 2020 training were outlined. CSA training will be elevated. Both new and returning RAs will receive training. Dr. Breier suggested that President Trauth address the RAs during their training sessions and emphasize their role in supporting a safe and secure environment for student residents. Dr. Breier also suggested adding drug awareness and prevention training for RAs and residents.

Dr. Proite will work with The Graduate College Dean Andrea Golato to determine the best ways to recruit graduate students for RA positions

Dr. Proite is exploring the addition of overnight staff to ensure that all residence halls are staffed 24 hours per day.

President's Update (#556)

President Trauth reported that she met with those people who directly report to Vice President Joanne Smith. The purpose was to discuss current nation trends in Divisions of Student Affairs as the university begins the process of searching for a replacement for Dr. Smith. President Trauth underscored the role that units within Student Affairs play in supporting student success. In the face of rising costs and reduced budgets and in light of Dr. Smith's retirement, Dr. Trauth charged the leadership with focusing on prioritizing students' needs and interests, and identifying the best ways to tap synergies in units that provide similar services, to leverage the strengths of those units, and to explore realigning key functions to maximize staff expertise -- all in an effort to benefit Texas State students.

President Trauth announced that in the wake of Dr. Smith's retirement and to ensure continuity, Dr. Mary Ellen Cavitt will study the Student Affairs' budget and roles and responsibilities in regard to Clery Act Compliance.

President Trauth reminded Cabinet members that Dr. Silva will join the President's Cabinet in January 2020.

President Trauth led a discussion on Clery Act Compliance.

Significant Issues (#01)

Provost Bourgeois provided an update on the upcoming commencement ceremonies.

Dr. Johnson provided an update on his presidential fellow project.

Mr. Algoe shared that he is working with The TSUS Office to make, with regard to the intercollegiate athletic fee in Sec. 54.5381 and Sec. 54.5382 of the Texas Education Code, all statutory language the same across The TSUS component institutions.

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