

To: President's Cabinet
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Subject: President's Cabinet Meeting
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Commencement (#143)

Provost Bourgeois and guest, Dr. Vedaraman Sriraman, discussed transportation, construction, and other logistical issues related to the upcoming commencement ceremonies. Dr. Sriraman led Cabinet members on a tour, highlighting the processional path, reception area, and placement of curtains and video screens.

External Speakers Using University Facilities Policy (#743)

Dr. Smith discussed the latest draft of the new UPPS 07.04.04, External Speakers Using University Facilities Policy (formerly referred to as the Off-Campus Speakers policy). Dr. Smith consulted with Vice Chancellor Fernando Gomez in The Texas State University System (TSUS) Office while drafting the latest version of the policy. After discussion, Cabinet approved the UPPS provided their recommended changes are made. Dr. Smith agreed to update the request form that accompanies the UPPS and return the new draft version of the form to a future President's Cabinet meeting.

RTA 1/11/2019 Review the new draft version of the request form that accompanies UPPS 07.04.04, External Speakers Using University Facilities Policy.

Cabinet members engaged in a discussion about the official meaning of the "San Marcos Campus" in university policies, questioning whether any reference to the "San Marcos Campus" in a university policy refers to both contiguous and non-contiguous properties to the San Marcos Campus. Cabinet member recommended that Mr. Algoe develop a UPPS defining the official meaning of the "San Marcos Campus."

Public Art Committee

President Trauth held a preliminary discussion on assembling the Public Art Committee to review the public art recommendations for the LBJ Student Center lounge.

RTA 1/11/19 Discuss public art for lounge in the expanded LBJ Student Center.

President's Update (#556)

President Trauth announced that Senator Royce West will be attending his niece's graduation ceremony at Texas State this fall.

President Trauth announced that the Community Holiday Open House will be held on December 6, 2018, and that Regent Gary Crane will be attending.

Significant Issues

Provost Bourgeois reported that Ms. Kathy Martinez-Prather, Director of the Texas School Safety Center, is actively engaged in ongoing discussions with various Texas legislators and their staff regarding additional school safety measures that might be considered in the upcoming legislative session.

Dr. Weigum described her recent visit to the Center for Innovation, Commercialization, and Entrepreneurship at Lamar University. Dr. Weigum learned about the center's history, major activities, industry outreach/partnerships, and support services; toured the facilities; and met with one of their Entrepreneurs-in-Residence. Next, Dr. Weigum will visit the Technology Transfer and Innovation Center at the University of Houston.

Dr. Breier shared that she recently met with the Academic Deans to enlist their help in the next comprehensive fundraising campaign. At the meetings, Dr. Breier reviewed the "Big Ideas" process and asked the Deans to encourage faculty and staff to submit proposals that, if given the necessary resources, will align closely with the university's strategic plan and will offer potential solutions to help make people's lives better, safer, and healthier. Dr. Breier will also discuss the "Big Ideas" process with each divisional vice president and their direct reports.

Dr. Breier announced that while in Hong Kong, she visited the Innovation Center at Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

Dr. Breier announced that she is working on scheduling several events to introduce Texas State's new head football coach, Mr. Jake Spavital, to alumni.

Mr. Pierce disseminated the Texas State IT Division 2018 Almanac, a compilation of stories about important projects and outreach the Division of Information Technology took on in the 2017-2018 academic year. Mr. Pierce noted that the university community will receive an electronic version in the near future.

Mr. Pierce discussed the issue of bulk emails sent out by the Athletics Department being quarantined. Mr. Pierce reported that the issue appears to be isolated to faculty and staff, and not members of the community. Mr. Pierce will investigate the issue further and present solutions at a future President's Cabinet meeting

Dr. Smith provided an update on recent challenges related to Fraternity and Sorority Life grade policies.

Dr. Teis expressed his appreciation to Provost Bourgeois and others on their role in the recent hiring of Coach Spavital.

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