

To: President's Cabinet  
From: Denise M. Trauth  
Subject: President's Cabinet Meeting  
June 8, 2020

### **Pandemic/Post Pandemic Work Groups**

Dr. Vedaraman Sriraman requested guidance for fall 2020 in order for the Continuity of Education work group to make recommendations.

Provost Bourgeois stated that Texas State will not alter fall 2020 semester plans; students will return to the campuses after the Thanksgiving holiday.

Mr. Dana Willett is addressing faculty concerns about cheating in online classes.

Provost Bourgeois described how classroom density will be limited to 50 percent capacity. Hybrid modalities, such as synchronous and asynchronous delivery, will likely be utilized for large face-to-face classes. Mr. Pierce provided updates on how faculty can engage in hybrid modalities and on the video sound quality.

The Continuity of Education work group plans to meet with a group of faculty on June 8, 2020, to field/address their concerns.

Dr. Sriraman provided an update on the August 8, 2020, virtual commencement ceremony and on Commencement Planning work group discussions about make-up and fall commencement ceremonies. In lieu of a make-up ceremony, Cabinet members agreed that graduates will be invited to attend a future ceremony when it is safe to do so.

Mr. Pierce discussed the extra bandwidth that has been added to support Texas State's transition to online learning.

### **Sewell Park**

Dr. Cavitt and guest Dr. Christy Nolan, Director of Campus Recreation, discussed allowing equipment rentals at Sewell Park during the park closure. Cabinet members approved the request to resume outdoor center operations.

### **Building Dedications (#744)**

Mr. Algoe discussed the facilities projects to be considered for a full ribbon-cutting-type presidential event in the coming year. President Trauth led a discussion on which annual events should be transitioned to virtual delivery, cancelled, or postponed. Determining whether some events can be held in-person will depend on the availability of the LBJ Student Center ballroom.

Since the ballroom will be used as a classroom, Dr. Cavitt and Mr. Algoe will discuss, at another time, whether the ballroom can be used to host events in fall 2020 or should it be dedicated to classroom utilization only.

**RTA: 6/15/20 Discuss status of intramural activities in fall 2020.**

**Impact of COVID-19 (#770)**

President Trauth led a discussion of divisional return to workplace plans. Dr. Cavitt and Dr. Breier presented the plans from their respective divisions.

**RTA: 6/15/20 Continue review of divisional return to workplace plans.**

**Dining Services**

Mr. Algoe presented an overview of Chartwells' plans for summer II and fall semester

**President's Update (#556)**

Dr. Trauth discussed the Texas State football team's invitation to Texas State Athletics administrators, coaches, and student-athletes to join them and local law enforcement in a unity march on June 10, 2020, in downtown San Marcos.

President Trauth announced that the President's suite will not have guests during home football games in fall 2020.

**Significant Issues (#01)**

Provost Bourgeois announced that Dr. Valarie Fleming recently received a U. S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administrator award to fund \$315,350 in Communication Disorders student scholarships each year for five years.

Provost Bourgeois announced that the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education granted accreditation to Texas State's master's degree program in nursing for 10 years.

Provost Bourgeois provided an enrollment update.

Mr. Algoe provided a budget update.

Mr. Algoe discussed the attestation form that is being developed for fall 2020.

**RTA 6/15/20 Discuss the attestation form to be implemented for fall 2020.**

Dr. Cavitt discussed the Continuity of Student Life work group. Dr. Cavitt will be using the CDC guidelines for outdoor co-curricular and extra-curricular, non-athletic events when making

decisions for outdoor events held at Texas State. Currently, the CDC guidelines for outdoor activities is 250. This number is expected to change as the COVID-19 situation changes. Indoor events will be limited to 50 percent capacity of the room.

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