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Provost Bourgeois and guest Dr. Walt Horton, Associate Vice President for Research and Federal Relations, provided an update on research at Texas State University. Dr. Horton provided an overview of current challenges to growing the research enterprise. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, for instance:

- research laboratories and field sites are operating at a reduced capacity;
- human subject research is limited and slowly being phased back in; and
- federal and state funding is uncertain.

Dr. Horton discussed the strength of the long-term trajectory of the research mission. Growth is expected to occur in many areas including Jacobs Engineering, Connected Infrastructure for Education, Demonstration, and Applied Research (CIEDAR), Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT), Texas School Safety Center, Meadows Center for Water and the Environment, Translational Health Research Center, and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Cabinet members discussed the need to finalize at a future cabinet meeting a phased approach to the rolling-out of a plan for reengaging the research enterprise that has been operating at a reduced capacity since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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