

To: President's Cabinet
From: Denise M. Trauth
Subject: President's Cabinet Meeting
September 10, 2014

Presidential Fellow (#528)

President Trauth welcomed the new Presidential Fellow, Dr. Debra Feakes to her first President's Cabinet meeting.

Disabled Student Services Policy (#117)

TSUS Associate General Counsel Nelly Herrera met with the President's Cabinet to discuss current practices related to expectations for accommodations related to disabled student services for summer camps run at the University by independent contractors such as coaches. Ms. Herrera noted that although there can be legitimate reasons for refusing to provide services (the character of the activity would be fundamentally altered by the accommodation, the safety of the other campers would be compromised by the accommodation, the cost of the accommodation would be prohibitive), the standards for such actions are very high. Cabinet members agreed that we will review current lease agreements, publications, and websites associated with these camps as well as departmental camps to be sure that appropriate language is in place.

Club Sports (#694)

Dr. Smith confirmed that the changes approved in May 2013 are working effectively.

UPPS 07.04.05, Assembly Activities Involving Amplified Sound, Exhibits, and Erecting Symbolic Structures on the San Marcos and Round Rock Campuses (#707)

Dr. Smith noted that this UPPS has been retitled, "Assembly Activities Involving Amplified Sound and Erecting Symbolic Structures," and the content has been narrowed. Cabinet members suggested that "Exhibits" and "on the San Marcos and Round Rock Campuses" be added to the title to make clear the policy's applicability. Cabinet members made a number of other suggestions including to remove the reference to tables in section 2, substituting "special designated areas" for "campus assembly" throughout the UPPS, substituting "Bobcat Trail" for the grassy mall in front of JCK, adding the west side of the mall on the Round Rock Campus, and substituting "on our campuses" in section 01.01. Dr. Smith will complete some additional rewrites in Section 3 to make it clear that the UPPS applies only to specially designated areas.

RTA 9/29/14 Review revised draft of this UPPS.

President's Update (#556)

President Trauth reported that the System institutions testified before the Legislative Budget Board staff and the Governor's office staff, on September 5, 2014, and the meeting went well. She used the new graduation rates slide and believed it represented us effectively. President Trauth asked for clarification on the issue related to San Marcos Fire Service working at the Navy game. After discussion, Cabinet members agreed that we will not add the additional fire service personnel. Dr. Teis reported that we will open the gates for the Navy game at 5:00 p.m. Cabinet members agreed that student tickets not been claimed by 6:30 p.m. will be released as general admission seats; any students arriving later may be assigned to standing room.

Significant Issues (#01)

Dr. Feakes noted that she will be working on adjunct faculty issues during her Presidential Fellowship. She reported that we conducted three special orientations for adjunct faculty prior to the fall 2014 semester. We will implement another one in January 2015.

Dr. Wyatt reported on a recent phishing incident, noting that a very small number of mailboxes were affected. Information Security deleted the messages 14 minutes after they were received in an early morning hour. Four individual responded to the phish, but only one logged on. Dr. Wyatt noted that we receive 3 million email packets a day, a significant percentage of which are bogus.

We are receiving good feedback on the Bobcat Preview program. She noted that we sent invitations to 5,725 individuals to participate in the Campus Clarity program (including some to students who did not complete their enrollment), and 5,344 signed up. As of this date, 4,985 have completed the training (93%).

Football (#601)

Dr. Teis reported that Sun Belt Commissioner Karl Benson will attend our Navy football game.

Mirabeau B. Lamar Medal (#316)

Dr. Gratz shared information about the Mirabeau B. Lamar Award nomination process. Cabinet members agreed that we should nominate The Meadows Foundation.

Enrollment Management (#9)

Provost Bourgeois shared unofficial 9th day enrollment figures, noting that he should have 12th Day figures by September 11, 2014. He reported that we will have significant increases in minority enrollment. Provost Bourgeois asked whether we should reconsider our current Dead Day practice. Cabinet members agreed that the Registration Coordinating Committee should consider this issue, in consultation with Student Government.

Tuition and Fee Plans (#380)

Mr. Nance announced the System's initial deadline for tuition and fee increase requests is October 2, 2014. President Trauth asked for a Cabinet meeting dedicated to this issue very soon.

Transportation and Parking Issues (#538)

Mr. Nance reported that the contractor received an award for the Old Main project. Mr. Nance shared information about several special events that will impact parking. President Trauth will review parking options for the Comal Rededication, including the possible using Edward Gary Parking Lot spaces.

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