

To: President's Cabinet  
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### **Board of Regents' Review (#500)**

Mr. Algoe, Provost Bourgeois, and guests Dr. Janet Bezner, Faculty Senate Chair; Mr. Noel Fuller, Staff Council Chair; Mr. Catching Valentinis-Dee, Student Government President; and Mr. Jayme Blaschke, Public Information Specialist reviewed agenda items for the upcoming Texas State University System Board of Regent's meeting.

### **Board of Regents News Release (#626)**

Dr. Breier and guest Mr. Jayme Blaschke discussed possible topics for inclusion in the news release on the May 2020 Board of Regents meeting. Cabinet members recommended to highlight the new online degree programs.

### **Counseling Center**

Dr. Smith and guest Dr. Lynne Reeder, Director of the Counseling Center, discussed the utility of Therapy Assistance Online (TAO). TAO allowed for the Counseling Center to rapidly transition to telehealth, beginning with phone consultations and then with video consultations. Cabinet members discussed continuation of tools and services, including TAO, Kognito-At Risk, and other potential options, including PhotoCall and Sanvello. The current contract with Kognito-At Risk expires in October 2020. Dr. Cavitt will determine whether funds are available to extend the contract for at least one more year. Cabinet members will make a decision as to whether to renew the contract by September 2020.

### **Sewell Park**

Dr. Smith and Mr. Algoe discussed the reopening of Sewell Park. Cabinet members agreed that Sewell Park will remain closed at least through July 6, 2020. In the meantime, staff will be instructed to allow students with a cap and gown to jump in and take pictures. Cabinet members discussed the feasibility of fencing Sewell Park.

Cabinet members agreed that Spring Lake will remain closed to the public at least through July 6, 2020. Events/activities that align with the educational and research mission of the university will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Given the uncertainty around the COVID-19 pandemic, President Trauth stated that Texas State will not make an announcement about when Sewell Park and Spring Lake will reopen.

Mr. Algoe announced that the City of San Marcos will allow the resumption of active recreation, including the Lions Club allowing tube rentals. Stationary activity, such as picnicking and sunbathing, will not be allowed.

Cabinet members discussed travel. Requests that align with the educational and research mission of the university will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Detailed safety plans must be submitted with the requests.

Mr. Algoe shared the [Hays County COVID-19 Dashboard](#) with Cabinet members. The data will be monitored daily and used to inform Cabinet-level decisions about university operations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr. Lloyd announced that the Health, Wellness, and Safety Work Group will present preliminary recommendations on May 22, 2020. Cabinet members discussed the process for ensuring that faculty, staff, and students comply with safety measures that will be adopted and subsequently implemented on both Campuses.

Mr. Algoe and Dr. Lloyd are working with a small team to develop a process by which individuals who are higher risk for developing COVID-19 related complications can request additional workplace or instructional modifications. The guidelines are nearly complete. Once approved by the President Cabinet, the guidelines will be communicated to the university community.

President Trauth instructed the Vice Presidents to host a Zoom meeting with their respective divisions to discuss budget adjustments and the university's commitment to operational efficiency.

Provost Bourgeois suggested that large in-person academic events be moved to a virtual setting. President's Cabinet will continue this discussion at a future meeting.

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

No items discussed.

### **Significant Issues (#01)**

Provost Bourgeois provided a preliminary enrollment update.

Provost Bourgeois announced that Phi Kappa Phi was named one of three finalists for the 2020 Excellence in Innovation Award by the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

Mr. Algoe discussed procedures when an employee tests positive for COVID-19.

Mr. Algoe announced that the City of San Marcos is repairing a broken watermain in front of the Student Recreation Center.

Mr. Algeo led a discussion on grants to support infrastructure funded by the CARES Act.

Mr. Pierce announced that the Association of Research Libraries will conduct a virtual site visit instead of physical site visit in June 2020.

Dr. Silva discussed pending U. S. Supreme Court decisions on issues related to DACA and LGBTQIA+.

Dr. Smith provided an update on housing.

Dr. Smith announced that the Dean of Students Office has hired a new staff attorney, Mr. Ethan Yih-Fan Chou, whose background includes immigration work.

Dr. Cavitt provided an update on Bobcat Preview. More academic offerings will be included and the convocation will be held virtually.

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