

To: President's Cabinet
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Enrollment Management (#9)

Provost Bourgeois and guest Mr. Gary Ray reviewed the enrollment report. Student headcount and student credit hours for fall 2020 are down .5 percent and 4.1 percent, respectively.

Mr. Ray discussed threats to enrollment and retention. State-wide trends across a variety of metrics are down for Apply Texas. Freshman applications are down one-percent state-wide, but are up 1.8 percent at Texas State University. Decisions to attend college, in general, and attend a particular college, depend on several factors, including financial support, the uncertainty about COVID-19, and the political climate at institutions of higher education.

Given the high unemployment rate, students are seeking financial support. There is rising competition among Texas public institutions of higher education that offer free tuition programs. Also, the Toward Excellence, Access, & Success (TEXAS) Grant Program was recently cut, reducing Texas State's appropriation by \$4.7 million from about \$29 million to about \$24 million (or -16 percent).

Mr. Ray also discussed opportunities for enrollment and retention. Freshman applications have risen as students are choosing to attend colleges closer to home. Scholarship opportunities for applicants, who live in surrounding communities, have increased. The rollout of Texas State's Roadmap to Return, virtual New Student Orientation, and a new parent portal have helped provide certainty during uncertain times. New online graduate programs are appealing, which is evidenced by an increase in new master's students. Mr. Ray's team is working closely with leaders from Austin Community College to improve transferability.

Mr. Ray shared data indicating that most freshmen prefer to take courses face-to-face even during the COVID-19 pandemic. Cabinet members discussed the need to identify a date when final decisions need to be made about the ratio of face-to-face to online classes for the fall.

RTA: 7/13/20 Guests Mr. Gary Ray and Mr. Elias Martinez will provide weekly updates on enrollment and social media posts related to delivery of instruction and student services during fall 2020.

Campus Security (#142)

Dr. Lloyd, Mr. Algoe, and guests Chief Laurie Clouse and Dr. Sherri Benn discussed strategies to promote collaborative planning and meaningful action that supports the safety, security, and wellbeing of Black students. Seven strategies were presented and suggestions from Cabinet

members were provided and integrated: 1) schedule a series of UPD/administration-student mediated sessions; 2) host a series of Town Hall meetings on Restorative Justice; 3) create a UPD Oversight Committee; 4) begin offering UPD monthly information forums; 5) create an #8cantwait@TXST campaign; 6) launch a student police academy for students and include an opportunity for a "Ride Along;" and 7) talk to student organizations about inviting UPD to their meetings and explore adopt-a-cop type programs or inviting them to be an advisor. With the exception to the second strategy, all of the strategies were approved by the President's Cabinet. Regarding the Town Hall, the first Town Hall was approved and will be held on July 17, 2020. Cabinet members recommended revising the format of the second Town Hall (e.g., consider breaking it into two, involve more faculty from the Department of Criminal Justice, and provide area law enforcement agencies an opportunity to share key data and reforms that are underway).

RTA: 7/13/20 Guests: Dr. Sherri Benn and Chief Laurie Clouse will finalize plans for three Town Hall meetings on Restorative Justice.

Pandemic/Post Pandemic Work Groups (#771)

Dr. Lloyd and guest Dr. Angela Ausbrooks discussed the implementation of recommendations from the Faculty and Staff Morale Work Group. Dr. Ausbrooks identified the recommendations that would have the most impact: 1) ongoing virtual meetings so that faculty and staff can be updated on the latest information, share their concerns, and offer their recommendations; 2) creation of a portal so that faculty and staff can provide written feedback; 3) revisit and raise awareness of classroom management policies; and 4) provide regular updates on COVID-19 and fiscal challenges.

Impact of COVID-19 (#770)

Provost Bourgeois discussed social media reaction to President Trauth's announcement regarding the transition of nearly all face-to-face classes to online delivery for the summer II session.

Mr. Algae led discussions on: maintaining social distancing by limiting classroom density, giving students the option to take any face-to-face class remotely, and installing air filtration systems in every classroom.

President's Update (#556)

Dr. Trauth and Dr. Cavitt summarized a meeting they had with Ms. Jennifer Anderson, Hays County Elections Administrator and Voter Registrar. Given the social distancing requirements for mitigating the spread of COVID-19, Dr. Cavitt will put together a proposal for a new polling location on the San Marcos Campus.

President Trauth is in communication with The Texas State University System Chancellor Brian McCall about the TEXAS Grant Program. Chancellor McCall will keep President Trauth informed about funding changes to the program.

Significant Issues (#01)

Provost Bourgeois requested that Cabinet members make a decision soon about university operations, including instruction modes of delivery, for fall 2020. President Trauth asked that Chief Medical Officer Dr. Emilio Carranco be invited to the next Cabinet meeting in order to participate in a discussion about the factors used to make decisions about university operations and the establishment of a timeline for making these decisions.

RTA: 7/8/2020 Discuss the pros and cons of a dashboard and timeline for making decisions about university operations in the fall.

Mr. Algoe discussed the electronic course fee for fall 2020.

Dr. Cavitt announced that a four-day move-in for housing is planned to begin on August 16, 2020. Dr. Cavitt underscored the need to finalize decisions regarding university operations for fall 2020.

Mr. Pierce announced security updates, including Duo multi-factor authentication is now available for students and passwords are no longer required to be changed annually.

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