

To: President's Cabinet  
From: Denise M. Trauth  
Subject: President's Cabinet Meeting  
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#### **UPPS 04.04.53, Honors and Benefits of Retired Faculty and Staff**

Dr. Gratz discussed two requested changes to this UPPS. Cabinet members endorsed the proposed addition to the section on parking. After discussion of the requested change related to fine arts events, Cabinet members suggested this alternative, "Upon request two tickets per event, upon payment of a ticket processing fee." Dr. Gratz will discuss this alternative with Provost Bourgeois who was not present before meeting with the President of the Retired Faculty and Staff Association.

#### **UPPS 04.05.15, Public Safety and Health**

Mr. Nance reviewed this draft UPPS combining the elements of business continuity under one umbrella policy. He noted that this policy addresses concerns raised in an audit and concerns related to clarity of authority in the university's various types of emergency responses. This UPPS would replace several existing UPPSs that are being eliminated and will become "operational plans" in specific areas to be contained as links in the new UPPS. Mr. Nance noted that he anticipates we will be the first institution audited by SPRM in November 2014. Cabinet members recommended approval of this UPPS, and President Trauth concurred.

#### **Door Access Upgrades (#705)**

Dr. Smith shared cost estimates regarding electronic door access upgrades for JCK. Cabinet members agreed that further discussions are needed with Facilities and Information Technology before moving forward with this proposal. Dr. Smith will complete these additional discussions and bring additional information back to the Cabinet.

#### **RTA 9/1/14 Discuss additional information regarding electronic door access upgrades for JCK.**

#### **UPPS 07.04.03, Solicitation on Campus (#684)**

Dr. Smith discussed further revisions made to the Solicitation Policy. She noted that section 01.01 has been amended to include the Round Rock Campus, and agreed to change section 04.01 a. to indicate that requests should be made through the Director of the Round Rock Campus. She noted that in section 04.01, language related to expression areas has been eliminated. With some editorial changes, Cabinet members endorsed the proposed changes in UPPS 07.04.03. Cabinet members also agree that we will delay final approval of UPPS 07.04.05 to provide time for further review related to Regents *Rules*.

### **Athletic Issues (#636)**

Dr. Teis discussed athletics options that are being considered as part of NCAA governance changes, noting that NCAA proposals will be voted on soon. Dr. Teis shared additional information regarding estimated new costs of proposals and other budget pressures from embedded annual costs increases for tuition and fees, housing, and board.

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

President Trauth asked about how Texas State had responded to requests related to an *Austin American-Statesman* article. Dr. Breier reported that Mr. Jayme Blaschke received a request saying the deadline was August 3, 2014, and forwarded it to UPD, but Dr. Smith was not included in the loop. The original request included a request for student names. Although several UPD staff members were involved and our numbers were available, the request for individual names delayed the response. The TSUS Office was also consulted during this process. Dr. Breier noted that she is making changes to improve future responses, including making sure that the appropriate vice president is included in the loop for such responses.

President Trauth said in the future, during any conference calls related to changes in Regents' *Rules*, she would like to have an appropriate Texas State representative participate in person in Austin.

### **Coordinating Board (#5)**

President Trauth reported that the Coordinating Board approved our proposal for a master of science degree in engineering at their July 2014 meeting. She congratulated everyone associated with developing the proposal. She also noted that a Congressional proposal is moving forward requiring in-state tuition charges for all veterans and their dependents, noting that resistance from APLU appears to have led to a backlash in Congress.

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

Mr. Nance noted that Sam Houston President Dana Gibson is on a Congressional committee chaired by Senator Lamar Alexander on the deregulation of higher education. He will send a list of issues to Cabinet members, and invited comments. Cabinet members noted that "Dear Colleague" letters are being distributed by the U. S. Department of Education at the rate of more than one a week.

Mr. Nance also noted that the Coordinating Board is beginning the work of the HEAF reallocation committee; he and three other individuals affiliated with the TSUS are on this committee.

Dr. Breier asked about the planning process for the Comal Building Renovation Rededication on the October 1, 2014. Mr. Nance will follow up on this issue.

Dr. Wyatt reported that they are trying to wrap up the laptop encryption project. We are about halfway through the process, and the team working on this project will be pushing departments that have not had laptops encrypted. We are also moving into round two on high-risk desktops and moving forward with encryption on those machines.

Dr. Smith noted that we remain oversubscribed for campus housing and proposed that we discontinue the acceptance of new contracts. Cabinet member endorsed her proposal. She noted that the Achieving Community Together program will move to Housing and Residential Life. Dr. Smith reported that we launched the Campus Clarity program. She shared a sample report. Dr. Smith reminded Cabinet members that the Fall/Sayers dedication will take place on August 6, 2014.

Dr. Teis reported that basketball schedules were released.

### **Presidential Fellow (#528)**

Dr. Hustvedt noted that this is her last meeting and expressed her appreciation to Cabinet members for their help during the year. She will continue to work with the student who is leading the football and tailgating recycling project. President Trauth commended Dr. Hustvedt for her service. Cabinet members wished Dr. Hustvedt well during her ACE Fellowship in the coming year, beginning with the fall semester at the University of Nebraska.

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