

To: President's Cabinet
From: Denise M. Trauth
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Minutes, March 26, 2014

Guaranteed Four Year Tuition Plan (#677)

Mr. Nance shared proposed talking points related to Texas State's Guaranteed Four-Year Tuition Plan, noting the importance of providing a consistent message to prospective students and their families about this new option. He noted that the general answer for students and families is "It's up to you!" He reported that the Texas A&M University System has made a guaranteed plan mandatory for all System institutions.

Fall 2014 Football Schedule

Cabinet members discussed the 2014 football schedule previously distributed by Dr. Teis, and the proposed dates for Family Weekend (September 13) and Homecoming (October 4). Cabinet members confirmed the dates for Homecoming and Family Weekend. President Trauth asked Provost Bourgeois and Dr. Breier to identify specific games when she will invite special guests from each college to her suite excluding the Homecoming game. She asked Dr. Gratz to begin planning for the Navy game and to be the one designated for inviting elected officials. Dr. Breier noted that this fall although we will invite a dean and some outside guests to each game, others from outside the college will also be invited. Dr. Teis indicated that we will probably invite a special honorary group to participate in the coin toss at the Navy game. He anticipates a very large crowd of Navy tailgaters. We plan to host two alumni events at road games with one at the New Mexico State game in Las Cruces and the second at the game in Tulsa.

Common Experience 2014-2015 and Related 50th Anniversary Celebrations (#700)

President Trauth noted that although several LBJ 50th anniversary events are worthy of recognition, we probably need to confine our LBJ commemorative celebration to a single event. Cabinet members suggested that we seek a distinguished Common Experience speaker for a spring event. Cabinet members also observed that since the Higher Education Act was signed on this campus in November of 1965, we could host a special Higher Education Act event in the fall of 2015. Dr. Smith reported that the special tribute to the five women who originally integrated Texas State is planned for 6:30 p.m. on May 1, 2014.

RTA 4/9/14 Determine whether we will host a special higher education act event in the Fall of 2015.

Future Articles in Hillviews (#643)

Dr. Breier noted that we are evaluating the schedule for upcoming issues of Hillviews, with recommendations forthcoming. For the issue currently scheduled for November 2014, Mr. Matt Flores suggested a major feature focus on Science and Engineering. He reviewed potential stories for the issue, and Cabinet members shared suggestions regarding these stories. Mr. Flores also reported that we are very close to having the software in place to make Hillviews available on a variety of mobile device platforms.

Development Update (#588)

Dr. Breier reviewed reports of activity for December 2013-February 2014, as well as the Pride in Action campaign summary. She noted that her area will continue to emphasize maintaining the momentum that we have built in the last two years. The thank-you tour of five major Texas cities begins in two weeks.

P-Card Policy (#692)

Mr. Nance shared a review of the status of p-card card changes. He noted that generally the implementation has been very successful. He reported that the hospitality card process has encountered some complications and discussions are continuing to resolve those issues prior to implementation.

President's Update (#556)

President Trauth asked for appropriate Cabinet members to consider a retreat discussion of the metrics we will use as an Emerging Research University to track our progress toward attaining National Research University status. The President envisions at least a semi-annual update at Cabinet on the six areas we need to track. She also plans to this information as a core part of the November 2014 annual review with the Board of Regents. She suggested that the topic for a discussion at the retreat may include Drs. Bill Covington and Michael Heintze as guests for discussions of one of the tracking sub-topics (restricted research dollars and freshman class profile, respectively).

Significant Issues (#01)

Provost Bourgeois addressed the Bobcat Promise programs, noting that he and the President have approved combining the statewide and San Marcos programs, and using a \$35,000 family AGI. This action becomes effective for the fall of 2014 and should increase the number of eligible students by about 300.

Mr. Nance also encouraged Cabinet members to solicit Muir Mentoring Award nominations.

Dr. Breier reported that her area hosted a special event for a number of energy-related corporate participants.

Dr. Smith noted that we are developing our own package for training summer counselors and doing background checks and will be applying for state certification.

Dr. Smith reported that she recently received the final update on proposed PAWS Preview changes. The program title will change to We Are Bobcats Week with planned activities throughout the week and will include a service project and a mini Cat Camp.

Dr. Teis asked about the current review of the excused absence policy, and Cabinet members agreed that the current review cycle would be deferred until several current discussions have been completed.

Dr. Gratz discussed a proposed pen and ink change to UPPS 01.01.01 affirming that the pen and ink process may be used to document changes that result from Cabinet-endorsed and President approved actions. Cabinet members supported the proposed change, and President Trauth approved.

Holiday Schedule/Energy Conservation (#89)

Mr. Nance shared a proposed Good Friday email. Cabinet members endorsed the draft, and President Trauth approved.

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