

To: President's Cabinet
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Impact of COVID-19 (#770)

Guest Dr. Emilio Carranco provided an update on the COVID-19 pandemic and the strategies in play to mitigate the spread.

Dr. Carranco addressed the inaccuracies in a recent *Austin American Statesman* article, [Runaway pandemic: Coronavirus cases spike in San Marcos](#). Dr. Carranco reported that the Hays County Office of Epidemiology is experiencing a backlog in verifying/transitioning active COVID-19 cases to recovered COVID-19 cases, thereby the number of active cases is substantially inflated. In Texas and in Hays and Williamson counties, daily case counts continue to decrease.

Testing rates have decreased, making interpretation of some metrics (e.g., positivity rates) difficult. Thus, Dr. Carranco suggested weekly random samplings of the student population to strengthen Texas State's ability to accurately monitor COVID-19 spread on Texas State Campuses. Dr. Carranco will seek Hays County Emergency Services' assistance with surveillance testing using random samplings. Dr. Carranco will work with the Office of Institutional Research to generate the list of students.

Dr. Teis announced that the Sun Belt Conference will provide the Department of Athletics with two rapid COVID-19 testing machines. The Student Health Center has already purchased three machines. With five machines, Texas State's in-house testing capacity will increase to more than 150 tests per day.

Dr. Lloyd reviewed the COVID-19 training module for staff. Cabinet members approved the module.

Dr. Breier and guest Ms. Sandy Pantlik discussed the proposed plan to transition the name of the Roadmap to Return to Roadmap Fall 2020 to reflect the start of the fall semester classes.

Ms. Pantlik discussed potential flashpoints for the fall semester and suggested actions related to the flashpoints.

Enrollment Management (#9)

Guest Mr. Gary Ray provided an update on fall 2020 enrollment and reviewed funding support for students. Compared to fall 2019, total enrollment and student credit hours for fall 2020 are down 2.2 percent (-827 students) and 3.7 percent (-17,343 student credit hours), respectively. Graduate enrollment is up 6.7 percent (+273 students) and 9.5 percent (+2,759 student credit hours), respectively. Mr. Ray expects enrollment numbers to continue to rise given that 865 advising appointments are scheduled for the week of August 17, 2020. For fall

2020, 1,851 students have been awarded the Bobcat Promise, a 36 percent increase (+489 awards) compared to the same time last year.

Guest Mr. Elias Martinez provided an update on social media posts related to delivery of instruction and student services during fall 2020. Most comments pertained to move-in with the overall sentiment being positive.

Board of Regents Follow-Up (#57)

Mr. Algoe summarized the motions approved at the August 2020 Board of Regents meeting.

Chancellor's Meeting with the Presidents Follow-Up (#623)

President Trauth reviewed topics from the August 2020 Board of Regents meeting, including the *System Progress Report: 2010 to 2020*.

President's Update (#556)

Due to time constraints, this item was not discussed.

Significant Issues (#01)

Provost Bourgeois provided an update on courses offered during fall 2020.

Provost Bourgeois announced that at the next Cabinet meeting, he will propose a set of standard operating procedures (SOPs) to allow external guests limited access to Spring Lake.

RTA: 8/24/20 Review Spring Lake SOPs.

Dr. Breier announced that the Family Campaign Celebration will be held on August 17, 2020.

Dr. Cavitt discussed revising the LBJ Student Center hours of operation. Cabinet members requested that the Division monitor attendance patterns before making any changes.

Dr. Silva announced the Institutional Inclusive Excellence Showcase for 2020 will be held on September 17, 2020. The deadline for submitting proposals highlighting diversity, equity, and inclusion programs, events, and activities that university community members have produced and implemented since January 2019 is August 21, 2020.

Dr. Teis announced that due to the COVID-19 epidemic, the football games against Ohio University and the University of New Mexico have been canceled. However, the Department of Athletics is exploring other potential game opportunities.

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