

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

Provost Bourgeois, Mr. Algoe, and guests, Dr. Janet Bezner, Mr. Corey Benbow, and Mr. Jayme Blaschke, reviewed agenda items from the 2019 August Texas State University System (TSUS) Board of Regents meeting. Mr. Algoe highlighted President Trauth's letter to the Board of Regents, which summarized the fiscal year 2020 Texas State University budget. Mr. Algoe noted that the Texas School Safety Center received a budget increase of more than \$4.5 million. Mr. Algoe also announced that proposed revisions to The TSUS Sexual Misconduct Policy have been submitted to the Board of Regents for approval. The revisions ensure that the policy is compliant with House Bill 1735 and Senate Bill 212, both of which were established by the 86<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature and signed into law by Governor Greg Abbott.

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

Dr. Breier and guest Mr. Jayme Blaschke reviewed possible topics for inclusion in the news release on the 2019 August Board of Regents meeting. Mr. Blaschke will prepare a release about upcoming renovations to the Aqua Sports Center.

### **Centennial Band Anniversary Celebration**

Dr. Breier and guest Dr. John Fleming discussed the Centennial Band Anniversary Celebration. Dr. Fleming provided an overview of the history of the Texas State University Bands and shared a list of Centennial Celebration Events. During the 2019-2020 academic year, 15 events will be held. The year of celebration will end with a gala on May 2, 2020.

### **Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) (#33)**

Provost Bourgeois and guest Dr. Dann Brown discussed the 2019 HSI week celebration, September 16-20, 2019. The week-long event will end with an HSI forum, an opportunity for dialogue and collaboration between Texas State HSI Programs and HSI colleges/universities.

### **IT Division Milestones**

Mr. Pierce provided a demonstration of the IT Milestones website. Mr. Algoe mentioned that Facilities Planning, Design, and Construction illustrates achievement of their milestones in a similar fashion and holds quarterly open forums to discuss updates.

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

President Trauth announced that the Hays County Commissioners Court has not yet determined whether the LBJ Student Center will be a designated polling location for the upcoming elections. The decision is expected to be rendered soon.

Dr. Trauth announced that several member of the Texas State community will be named 2019 Regents' Award recipients at the upcoming TSUS Board of Regents meeting.

Dr. Trauth discussed misinformation about housing shared in a letter to the editor published recently in the *San Marcos Daily Record*. The author of the letter incorrectly stated that Texas State had no representation on the San Marcos Housing Task Force. Cabinet members discussed the fact that two university representatives serve on the task force.

### **Significant Issues (#556)**

Provost Bourgeois provided a preliminary enrollment update, highlighting that the freshmen class is expected to increase by three to four percent. Total enrollment numbers, however, are expected to decrease by about one percent due to strong graduation rates. In recent years, the student credit hour requirement of many degree programs has been reduced and Texas State graduates, who began as freshmen, are now graduating in fewer than four years.

Mr. Algoe discussed Bobcat Promise, a Texas State program that guarantees free tuition and mandatory fees for 15 credit hours per semester to new entering freshmen with a family adjusted gross income that does not exceed \$35,000.

Mr. Algoe provided an update on the status of the Public-Private Partnership housing project and shared reasons why Texas State is pursuing this approach. First, Texas State's freshman class has grown for seven straight years and, if this trend continues, projections suggest that Texas State will run out of beds for all freshmen by fall 2021. The live-in requirement for freshmen has shown to enhance student success. Second, this approach will allow Texas State to build the most affordable housing possible.

Dr. Breier announced that University Advancement invited Dr. Bill Crawford to conduct two professional development workshops to assist staff in handling stressful situations and in understanding the importance of self-care. Both workshops will be held on September 3, 2019.

Dr. Teis announced that Mr. Vernon McDonald, who coached Texas State's men's basketball teams from 1961-1977, passed away on August 19, 2019.

Dr. Teis announced that Bobcat Club's Annual Kickoff Luncheon will be held on August 22, 2019.

Dr. Smith provided an update on the number of tickets sold to transport students to and from College Station for the Texas State versus Texas A & M football game on August 29, 2019.

Dr. Smith announced that the President's Block Party is set for August 19, 2019.

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