

To: President's Cabinet
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April 22, 2015

Enrollment Management (#9)

Provost Bourgeois and Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, Dr. Michael Heintze presented fall 2015 enrollment data and projections. After discussion, Cabinet decided to hold the May 1, 2015, deadline for fall freshman admission applications and to maintain the August 1, 2015, deadline for fall 2015 transfer admission applications.

Commencement (#143)

Dr. Debbie Thorne, Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs, circulated a handout and discussed plans that are in place for the seven May 2015 commencement ceremonies to be held May 14–16, 2015.

Coordinating Board Meeting (#5)

Dr. Brittain presented the agenda for the Coordinating Board Meeting that will take place on April 22-23, 2015, in Austin, Texas. Dr. Brittain will monitor the meeting.

Video Surveillance Camera Maintenance Plan (#695)

Dr. Smith provided a handout and discussed the philosophy that the University Police Department and Access Services used to review the lists of cameras for E&G departments and Auxiliary departments to determine if some of the cameras currently installed could be repurposed for use in other areas as needed. Also discussed was the status of security systems and panic alarms across campus and maintenance needs. Cabinet members discussed the need to create an equitable funding process to use to request additional cameras and for maintenance of the camera and security systems.

Development Update (#588)

Dr. Breier provided a University Advancement Fundraising Update as of April 16, 2015, and a FY 2015 Family Campaign Report Results as of April 17, 2015. She also reported on the success of a young alumni focus group that had recently met to explore issues relating to alumni perception of the University and alumni giving opportunities.

Dr. Breier informed Cabinet members of tailgating and other alumni event planning that is underway relative to the fall 2015 football game schedule.

President's Update (#556)

Family Campaign (#696)

President Trauth expressed appreciation for the robust participation of faculty and staff in the Family Campaign.

Significant Issues (#01)

Provost Bourgeois circulated a handout that provided a comparison of various characteristics of the schools in the Sun Belt Conference.

Dr. Wyatt reported that, due to the market demand for individuals with strong credentials in information technology, future staffing in his division would be increasingly difficult.

Dr. Smith presented information to Cabinet members about HB 2365 and SB 1750 now being considered by the Texas Legislature. The proposed bills, as written, would require that 50 percent of the students receiving State of Texas work-study funding be required to be placed with off-campus employers as opposed to the current practice of placing the students in supportive employment settings within the University. The concern, with the proposed off-campus employment location requirement, is that such a requirement could have a detrimental effect on retention and student success in this student population.

Dr. Smith reported that she had investigated the concern raised previously by Dr. Teis relative to the ability of a student admitted into the Pathways program to join a Greek organization during the freshman year. She proposed that a student in the Pathways program have the same access to Greek organizations, as a non-Pathways student. She explained that a Pathways student is considered a full-time student for the purpose of financial aid and that other universities with similar programs allowed their students to participate in the fraternity and sorority rush process. Dr. Smith explained that, if this proposal is approved by Cabinet, all students will be able to participate in the rush process to join a Greek organization, but cautioned that the University cannot guarantee that any student will be accepted into a Greek organization. After discussion, Cabinet approved the proposal.

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