

PRESIDENT'S CABINET MEETING

October 18, 2011

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bob Austin, Terry Berg, Ellen Robertson Green, Russell Lowery-Hart, Danita McAnally, and Paul Matney

MEMBER ABSENT:

Lee M. Colaw

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bruce Cotgreave, Shawn Fouts, and Brenda Sadler

Core Values: Integrity + Innovation + Teamwork = SUCCESS

Matney distributed a press release regarding the \$3 million gift for construction of a new AC campus in Hereford. The gift was given by William C. Hanshaw of Scottsdale, Arizona for the purpose of constructing a new AC campus in Hereford that will be named The Everett and Mabel McDougal Hinkson Memorial Campus.

Discussion:

RONCO PARTNERSHIP – Dr. Fouts distributed handouts. The name of the partnership has changed to G4S/RONCO Partnership. The welding class which will be taught in Kurdistan will be a Continuing Education course rather than academic. G4S has also been working on a partnership with Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) program which offers a wide range of technical and skills training programs aimed at employed workers and those entering the labor force. TEEX is a member of The Texas A&M University System. The welding training will be a short-term project which will involve 20 Kurdistan students; a two-year program will be condensed to one-year. G4S wants to offer a “train the trainer” course in the evening and train the best welding students. There is potential for a few more short term projects if the welding course goes well. The University of Texas at Arlington is involved as a partner only to offer graduate programs. Eventually Homeland Security courses may be offered. The East Campus has land available. If AC pursues other training courses, we will first look at dog handler training in late spring or summer 2012. There was discussion as to what AC plans to get out of this partnership. Matney asked Fouts to plan a presentation for the Board of Regents soon.

NEW HEREFORD CAMPUS PROJECT – McAnally is working on a possible economic assistance grant with PRPC regarding the new Hereford Campus. December 1 is the deadline for application; she said actual square footage numbers and estimated costs will be needed in order to submit an effective application. The grant can be used for the programs being offered, equipment, and construction costs. The architectural firm selection timeline was discussed: receive statements of qualifications November 8; review statements of qualifications November 8-11; interview firms November 14 – November 18; make selection by November 30 (Cabinet and Daniel Esquivel, Executive Director of Hereford Campus); plan a special Board meeting in December to seek approval for architectural firm selection.

BOND PROJECTS STATUS – Berg distributed a page of completed, in progress, or estimated start of bond projects and a summary of proposed projects. The actual total of bond projects as of 8/31/2011 is \$43,142,830. There is \$5.4 million available for the preliminary new project list which is part of the Master Plan Addendum that will be given to the Board for review, discussion at a meeting and requested approval.

2011 INTERNAL COST STUDY – Berg indicated that it might be the end of January or first of February 2012 before they have the numbers needed for each department for the internal cost study. Discussion ensued; there was consensus to stop generating the study for the upcoming year and then to assess for any future internal cost study.

FOOD POLICY – Berg distributed a modified Food Policy. McAnally, Michael Sugden, Disbursement Supervisor, and Jeanette Nelson, Budget Manager, worked on cleaning up the policy. On page two of the policy, regarding expenditures of food/beverages for working meetings approved by appropriate Cabinet member or supervisor: it was decided the best way to ensure Cabinet approval was to purchase food/beverages with a Cabinet member's Executive Card. On page three under maximum daily rates for meals which currently allows \$30/day: it was discussed and decided to increase the minimum per day to \$46.

FACULTY SENATE SURVEY – Lowery-Hart expressed that he saw a more positive result to the latest faculty survey; in the future the survey will be conducted to the fall semester. He told the Cabinet he would share results with any who requested to see the document.

TACCTA/CCATT REPORT – Matney distributed a copy of remarks made at the Texas Association of Community College Trustees and Administrators and Community College Association of Texas Trustees meeting in Dallas on October 12. Matney, John Hicks, Mary Jane Nelson, and Don Nicholson attended the meeting. Some remarks made by Dr. Raymond Paredes, Commissioner, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board included: the need for more STEM graduates; Closing the Gaps is a rush for us to achieve the "average" for the nation; we must help K-12 improve their education in order for higher education to do its job; we must improve cost efficiencies in higher education; must diminish the need for developmental education by 50%; and approximately 24% of high school graduates in Texas are college ready. Remarks by Dr. Bill Holda, President of TACC and Kilgore College, included: completion by design; 148 math instructors in Texas are redesigning math developmental education. Dr. John Roueche, 41 years in community college education, said the following: "Colleges are going to have to be more aggressively entrepreneurial in creating 'a new normal.' We're not ever going back to the old ways, and the funding isn't coming back."

Announcements:

- Classified Performance Awards are due to H.R. by November 1; Matney will send an email to all faculty and staff on November 18 announcing the recipients of the awards.
- The new Hereford Campus announcement will be made in Hereford on October 19 at 2:00.
- The No Excuses – Achieving the Dream Community roll-out will be on Friday, October 21.

Next meeting: November 1, 2011

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