

PRESIDENT'S CABINET MEETING

January 10, 2012

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bob Austin, Terry Berg, Lee M. Colaw, Russell Lowery-Hart, Danita McAnally, and Paul Matney

MEMBER ABSENT:

Ellen Robertson Green

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brenda Sadler

Core Values: Integrity + Innovation + Teamwork = SUCCESS

Discussion:

ACADEMIC ENROLLMENT UPDATE – Austin distributed an enrollment update comparing spring 2011 and spring 2012 by headcount and contact hours. With seven days remaining to enroll, spring 2012 is 9,044 compared to 10,019 for spring 2011. Contact hours, with seven days remaining to enroll, are 78,688 compared to 87,933 in spring 2011. Enrollment has been impacted by the new State rule that students must show proof they have had the meningitis vaccination before enrolling. Currently there are no vaccines available in Amarillo; there is a state-wide shortage as well.

PERKINS BASIC REALLOCATION – McAnally distributed handouts with the process for allocating remaining funds for 2011-2012 year and Perkins equipment & software request instructions. By January 20, Perkins eligible programs will need to identify equipment and software requests and send to McAnally and Colaw. Colaw and McAnally will prioritize needs in cooperation with respective deans on January 25. On January 31, a budget amendment will be submitted to the THECB; after approval around February 10, McAnally will notify deans to submit requisitions for items requested. There are five career clusters (with programs within them) which are Perkins eligible: I. Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security – 1. Criminal Justice 2. Fire Protection; II. Education and Training – 1. Child Development/Early Childhood; III. Arts, A/V Technology & Communications – 1. Mass Communication/Radio-TV 2. Visual Arts; IV. Architecture and Construction – 1. Drafting 2. Interior Design; V. Business Management and Administration – 1. Management. The amount of 2011-2012 Perkins funds available is \$94,315; Mass Communication/Radio-TV has requested \$15,736 which leaves \$78,579 remaining. Colaw, Lowery-Hart, and McAnally will work with deans on acquiring requests for Perkins funds.

SACS PUBLICATIONS & SITE VISIT AD HOC COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – McAnally distributed a proposed SACSCOC Ad Hoc Committees list and possible members of each committee. The committees are: Print Publication of Reports (Sarah Davis, Chair; McAnally; Mark Hanna; Lana Jackson; Jill Gibson; Kristin McDonald-Willey; Green; Jena McFall); Electronic Publication of Reports (Mark Hanna, Chair; McAnally; Colaw; Corey Willis; Green; David White; Lana Jackson; Jill Gibson); Hospitality (Teresa Clemons, Chair; H.Q. Wrampelemeir; Cathy Lankford; LuLu Cowan; Kathy Dowdy; Tracy Dougherty); On-Campus Conference Room and IT Accommodations (Jennifer Ashcraft, Chair; Jeff Gibson; Fred Baldiva; others as appointed by CIO); and Transportation (Jeremy Mares, Chair; Bob Mathews; Terry Tucker; Brian Jacob; Jerry Terry).

Lowery-Hart moved, seconded by Austin to move forward with committee appointments. The motion carried.

MYACCOUNT SECURITY UPDATE – Colaw distributed a handout regarding myACcount security updates. There was discussion regarding Appropriate Use Policy notifications; these must be updated annually. Employees must change their password every 90 days. Without an up-to-date password and without keeping informed of the Appropriate Use Policy, users will not be able to utilize many of the computer programs.

STATE BUDGETING PROCESS – Matney shared a PowerPoint presentation which was presented at the Trustees Leadership Conference in Austin in November. The primary source of revenue for the 50 Texas community colleges are tuition and fees; local taxes; and State appropriations. The average state tuition and fees for in-district is \$66 and \$99 for out-of-district. Amarillo College's is \$70 for in-district. The average tax revenue rate for 2011 M&O is \$.141. Appropriations for contact hours have decreased by 21.8%. In 1980, appropriations made up 70% of revenue; now it is 28% for Amarillo College and 29% on average for the State. In 1941, community colleges received \$50/FTSE or \$650,000; in 1971, \$640/FTSE or \$125.1 million. In 1967 there were only 32 Texas community colleges. The first formula appropriation was used in 1974. The current reallocation model does not provide funding for enrollment growth. Colleges that grow at a fast rate receive a greater percentage of the total appropriations amount. The goals of most community colleges are to improve student success and completion rates. The current State appropriation is \$1.7 billion; that amount decreased by 6% from the prior base year. Group health insurance coverage is \$198 million; that amount decreased by 38% from the prior base year. Retirement pay coverage is \$104 million; that amount decreased by 48%. In 1978, the State provided health insurance for college employees; in 1991 community colleges were brought into the ERS System. Currently, community colleges are required to participate in the health insurance system; employees are the only ones covered. State appropriations as a percentage of the revenue are rapidly declining; local taxes and tuitions/fees make up at least 60% of the revenue. Community colleges will need to be innovative in making up revenue.

BUDGET PRIORITIES – Matney encouraged members to start bringing budget priorities to each Cabinet meeting. He said it is necessary to start talking about expenditures and start looking at ways to cut. A recycling program may be an opportunity to cut some spending.

Announcements:

- The Career Center was approved last week; the Social Services Coordinator was approved; it will be a four-person office; a grant will pay for two positions.
- The Achieving the Dream coaches are on campus today and tomorrow; they will develop data.
- Jill Gibson will start meeting with Cabinet on Fridays to vet SACS narratives.
- There was discussion of replacing audio/visual equipment in Ordway Auditorium.
- Rudy Giuliani, former NYC mayor, will be the speaker for the partnership lecture presented by Underwood Law Firm and AC in October 2012; 10% of proceeds will be given to the AC Honors Program.
- Representative Four Price will meet with Cabinet for the Roundtable discussion at the February 7 meeting.

Next meeting: January 24, 2012

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