

PRESIDENT'S CABINET MEETING

May 7, 2013

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brenda Sadler

Core Values: Integrity + Innovation + Teamwork = SUCCESS

Discussion:

REGENT ELECTION – Today is the last early voting day; Election Day is Saturday, May 11. Matney is encouraged by the slate of Board of Regent candidates.

2013 TEXAS PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION ALMANAC DATA – Handouts were distributed regarding Amarillo College and Statewide Two-Year Public Institutions data. The data was furnished by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. This data is supposed to serve as an accountability system. The Texas community college databases interact with one another. Items in the data report include student characteristics, completion measures, graduation rates, dual credit measures, graduate success, developmental education, transfer students, and number of full and part-time faculty. The data reported influences legislative issues. Lowery-Hart reported that Dr. Tamara Clunis, Dean of Academic Success, is instrumental in conducting accelerated learning sessions and boot camps; Dr. Clunis would like to expand the Learning Center to offer more accelerated programs and advance students through quickly. Dr. Clunis and Jerry Moller conducted a pilot program in history and psychology classes. Accuplacer tests have been revised; results are given in finer detail; the tests help in placement of students. Austin stated that AC needs a process to help transfer students take responsibility for themselves.

Announcements:

- A Cabinet retreat regarding student success and other pressing issues will be held at Region XVI on Thursday, May 9 from 8:30-5:00.
- Matney told Cabinet members that four Highland Park seniors will be participating in Commencement on Friday; they will receive their associate's degree before graduating from high school.
- Matney distributed an email from Dr. Bill Powers, president, UT Austin. The essence of the message was an update on UT's progress this academic year.
- The STAR Award nomination possibilities will be discussed at the next couple Cabinet meetings.

Next meeting: May 28, 2013

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