

# **PRESIDENT'S CABINET MEETING**

**June 4, 2013**

## **MINUTES**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

### **MEMBER ABSENT:**

Danita McAnally

### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Brenda Sadler

**Core Values: Integrity + Innovation + Teamwork = SUCCESS**

### **Discussion:**

**BOARD BUDGET WORKSHOP** – The workshop will be held on Wednesday, June 12 from noon until 2:30 at First United Bank on 45<sup>th</sup> and Soncy. Austin will give a report about student loan default aversion; Colaw will report on technology upgrades and the technology fee. The proposed 2014 budget will be presented also.

**ORIENTATION FOR REGENT JOHNNY MIZE** – Matney said he wants to change the orientation model. Regent Mize will be presented with an organizational chart, a brief narrative will be given by Cabinet regarding each area, and an overview of the collaboration of student success will be presented. Matney wants the energy savings plan to be presented and asked Lowery-Hart and Austin to work up something on the student success initiatives. A date to conduct the Board orientation will be set soon.

**CONVOCATION/HEROES** – Green said that administration wants to recognize three “heroes” who are involved with “No Excuses” and who makes a difference at Amarillo College in the areas of customer service, the poverty initiative, and student success. It was discussed to present at fall General Assembly. Green suggested having caricatures drawn of the three heroes and given to the individuals. There was discussion of moving General Assembly to the Civic Center on September 6 and waiting to recognize the “heroes” until the lunch following the assembly.

**STUDENT DEFAULT AVERSION** – Austin distributed papers regarding school default rates for FY 2009; Federal Student Loan Default Rates; and Panhandle-Plains Student Loan Center regarding loan default prevention services. Ever since AC has participated in FASFA, the Financial Aid Office has encouraged all who have received student loans to pay back their loans. In the past, AC students have been good about paying back loans. Default aversion occurs more often now that banks have gotten out of the business of student loans; the government now makes the student loans. Historically, the default rate has been 6%; since direct lending the default rate has risen to 19%; and is predicted to go up to 25%. If AC's default rate reaches 30% for a consecutive three years, we will not be eligible to get funds such as Pell grants and loans for students. Austin has met with TG and the Panhandle-Plains Student Loan Center to receive recommendations of how to deal with student default aversion. It was recommended to write an RFP to get vendors help.

**EMERGENCY PLANNING UPDATE** – Matney distributed a draft of the Emergency Operations Manual. An emergency tabletop exercise is planned for this summer. The Threat Response Team will be involved. Cabinet took a tour of the Emergency Command Center in Durrett Hall.

**Announcements:**

- To-date over 4,000 have registered for the fall semester.
- Matney distributed a form regarding the Chamber of Commerce Top Twenty Under 40 nominations; nominations are due June 28. He asked Cabinet members to be thinking of ones to submit.
- Leadership Texas will be meeting at Amarillo College on November 8.
- Cabinet will meet on June 11; Dan Adams, CEO of Boys Ranch, will be the roundtable speaker. The June 25 budget session was canceled. A decision will be made on whether to meet on July 2 or cancel.

Next meeting: June 18, 2013  
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