

PRESIDENT'S CABINET MEETING

July 16, 2013

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Joy Brenneman and Brenda Sadler

Core Values: Integrity + Innovation + Teamwork = SUCCESS

Discussion:

COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES – Joy Brenneman addressed the Cabinet regarding AC committee assignments. There was discussion about each committee needing to replace members. It was decided to disband the Safety Committee and Traffic Citation Appeals Committee. Brenneman will send out committee memberships after each committee has full membership. Colaw will place committee memberships on portals.

TARGET GOAL FOR COMPLETION – Lowery-Hart distributed a handout displaying Amarillo College 2018 completion projections. Between 2013 and 2018 the target for completers doubles; the goal for 2018 is 7,318. This goal was determined by the partnership with PPS and the Gates Grant. There was discussion regarding the definition of completers; it was decided that completers would include those who transferred or were awarded a degree or a certificate with a marketable skill. Amarillo College's success numbers over a three-year average for performance-based funding should be approximately \$2,367,000.

83rd LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY (KEY BILLS) – Matney distributed a session summary of the 83rd Texas Legislature key bills. Matney and Lowery-Hart met with Rod Schroder, AISD Superintendent, regarding House Bill 5 which amends the current law relating to public school curriculum and requirements for high school graduation and funding in support of certain curriculum authorized for graduation. The bill dictates that each entering ninth grader must choose an endorsement from the following five areas: STEM, business and industry, public services, arts and humanities, or multidisciplinary. An end-of-course exam will be required for graduation in the following courses; English I, English II, Algebra I, Biology, and U.S. History. Other higher education impacts are the number of dual credit hours a student can take in a year to nine total hours from a community college outside the student's community college service area. Senate Bill 62 regarding bacterial meningitis vaccinations amends the Education Code to lower from age 30 to 22 at which an entering student at an institution of higher education is exempt from providing a record showing evidence that the student has received a bacterial meningitis vaccine or booster during the five-year period preceding the compliance date established by the Coordinating Board. Senate Bill 215 requires the Coordinating Board to strengthen its internal controls for allocating financial aid funding and ensure stakeholder input. It also requires the Coordinating Board to study the creation of state financial assistance programs for students attending WGU Texas or similar on-line universities. Other bills were briefly discussed.

CABINET EVALUATIONS – Matney requested Cabinet send him an electronic self-evaluation by September; end of August would be ideal.

2013-2014 INSTITUTIONAL PRIORITIES (BRAINSTORM) – Matney distributed a copy of the 2012-2013 Institutional Priorities. He told Cabinet members that 2013-2014 Institutional Priorities needed to be established soon. One priority mentioned was to double the number of graduates and transfer students in five years. Another was to aggressively seek capital gifts.

Announcements:

- Dr. Bill Holda, president of Kilgore College and chair of Texas Association of Community College leadership, will be asked to address the Board at their student success retreat in September.
- The Energy/Utility Savings Ad Hoc Committee of the Board consists of Carroll Mack Forrester, John Hicks, Johnny Mize, and David Woodburn. They have not met yet; Cynergistic is waiting for AC's decision of utilizing their company as an energy consultant.
- Matney and McAnally are traveling to Dallas, August 7, to meet with the Meadows Foundation director.
- Matney distributed a TACC Straw Poll displaying proposed salary, tuition and fee, and property tax increases/decreases for the 50 community colleges for FY 2014.

Next meeting: August 6, 2013

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