

PRESIDENT'S CABINET MEETING
August 28, 2012
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

LuLu Cowan, Gina Dowdy, Brenda Sadler and Senator Kel Seliger

Core Values: Integrity + Innovation + Teamwork = SUCCESS

Roundtable:

Senator Kel Seliger and Gina Dowdy, Media and Community Relations Director, were introduced. Cabinet members introduced themselves. Senator Seliger was born and raised in Borger, TX; served four terms as Amarillo mayor; he represents 26 counties in the Panhandle, but when redistricting goes into effect, he will represent 37 counties. He serves on the State Public Education Committee and the Higher Education Oversight Committee, to name a few. There are six community colleges in his district. Senator Seliger stated that there should be more money available in the State budget in 2013 than in 2011. Dr. Matney told the Senator that in May 2011 more high school grads came to Amarillo College and he broke it down by percentages by AISD high schools. Matney said he was at the Capital when Senator Seliger opposed the four community colleges being closed. Senator Seliger said that since Texas does not have a state income tax, the state's tax is progressive. Matney gave the Senator an overview of the cooperative agreement between Amarillo College, Clarendon College, and Frank Phillips College. Dr. Lowery-Hart explained AC's initiatives and the overall demographics of AC students. Seliger was told how Amarillo College has embraced the student success initiative. Senator Seliger urged Cabinet members to go visit the Student Success Center at Odessa College. Matney gave a brief overview of which universities AC students transfer to after attending AC. Matney said AC has 570 students enrolled in the A.D.N. program; 216 will begin in fall 2012. Matney and Lowery-Hart expressed concern over Texas Tech and WTAMU starting a second degree nursing program (BSN); they said their main fear is the impact on the clinical sites. Matney told Senator Seliger that AC had to increase taxes and tuition for FY13.

Discussion:

STATE OF IT FOR THE START OF SCHOOL – We are currently at 95% of bandwidth usage. Colaw said the network is working well. We have maxed out Datatel. The labs are functional; the West Campus computer lab has a new manager. The cost per copy printing started on West Campus on August 27; the library will go live next week. The ability to print from mobile devices and from home will be in effect soon. On September 21 the Foundation will go live with their Datatel program.

REAFFIRMATION UPDATE – In-house committees for the SACSCOC on-site visit are working hard. Our biggest challenge will be dual credit. We will provide the visiting team with a schedule of seven high schools who use the dual credit program. We have begun to receive interview requests; everyone has been asked to arrange their schedules to accommodate the team. Cabinet members

will have appointments with the team. On Tuesday, September 18 from 1:15 – 1:45 p.m., the team will visit with Cabinet. On Wednesday, September 19 from 1:30-2:15 p.m., the on-site committee will meet with Board of Regents representatives; from 2:00-2:30 p.m., Dr. Anthony Wise, chair of on-site committee, and Dr. Marcy Stoll, SACSCOC, will visit with Dr. Paul Matney. On Thursday, September 20 from 8:30-8:45 a.m., Dr. Wise and Dr. Stoll will meet with Dr. Matney; the exit conference will be at 9:00 a.m. in Ordway Hall Auditorium.

UPDATED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART – McAnally furnished a draft of the organizational chart and requested that Cabinet members alert her to any changes in their areas.

BELLWETHER AWARD – A handout regarding the Bellwether Awards application was distributed. McAnally reminded Cabinet members that AskAC and the Math Outreach Center both have been finalists. The purpose of the awards is that the Bellwether Awards annually recognizes outstanding and innovative programs and practices that are successfully leading community colleges into the future. The three categories include: 1) instructional programs and services; 2) planning, governance and finance; 3) workforce development. Finalists are not contacted until December 1; they then have until the end of January to get everything together to present at the meeting. There was discussion of what area might be submitted; the “No Limits/No Excuses” initiative was discussed. It was determined to bring back to the next Cabinet meeting.

BUDGET – Lowery-Hart recommended that Cabinet start talking about budget for FY14 soon after FY13 budget is passed by the Board of Regents. There was discussion concerning a Cabinet budget retreat on September 27, 8:00-noon. McAnally will check on the availability of a room at Region XVI.

PROCESS FOR ACCESSING THE STUDENT SUCCESS CONTINGENCY FUND – Lowery-Hart has been approached as to how certain areas can access the Student Success Contingency Fund. He suggested making a proposal form for people to complete and turn in if they want to use the funds. Lowery-Hart will bring a drafted form to the next Cabinet meeting.

Announcements:

- Green told of the new recycling effort Amarillo College is beginning; KB Recycling will furnish the boxes for paper, magazines, shredded paper, and newspaper. They will pick up the paper once a week.
- The groundbreaking event for the new Hereford Campus will be held on Friday, August 31 at 10:00 a.m.
- Matney read an email he recently received from Katharyn Wiegand, Amarillo Area Foundation, which praised an AC employee for “being the right person.”
- Austin said that fall enrollment is up 5.3%, which is a ½% decrease in contact hours and up ¼% where we were last fall.
- Dutton Hall has been converted from biology classes to music classes.
- Matney plans to meet with Senator Seliger at Midland College on September 26; TACC has hired a consultant from Hahn, TX; Matney plans to be in attendance.
- The English Department has made course redesigns; he recommended showcasing the student success in this area to the Board.

Next meeting: September 11, 2012

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