

PRESIDENT'S CABINET MEETING
February 17, 2026
MINUTES

CALLED TO ORDER

9:06 am

ADJOURNED

11:06 am

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bob Austin, Kevin Ball, Dr. Mychal Coleman, Dr. Jamelle Conner, Joe Bill Sherrod, Dr. Frank Sobey, Denese Skinner, Mark White

MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

Ally Greenwood, Executive Assistant, recorder

DISCUSSION:

1. PT ADJUNCT FOR CDL PROGRAM	SOBEY
Dr. Sobey requested approval for two part-time adjuncts for the CDL Program to be expedited. There is a need to replace one part-time adjunct and an opportunity to expand the evening cohort from 16 to 20 in Spring I, which would require an additional adjunct.	
Mr. Austin moved to approve. Mr. Ball seconded. All were in favor.	
Action Items <ul style="list-style-type: none">•	
2. PT ADJUNCTS FOR MCC	SOBEY
Dr. Sobey requested approval for three adjunct positions for psych, Spanish, and sociology. The adjuncts have been identified and can start as early as Spring II. These positions will help keep the students engaged at the Moore County Campus instead of taking classes online or traveling into Amarillo. There is money in the Moore County Campus budget for these positions in the part-time pool.	
Mr. Austin moved to approve. Mr. Ball seconded. All were in favor.	
Action Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">•	
3. HAGY HOURS OF OPERATION	SOBEY
Cabinet discussed the Hagy hours of operation which are currently from 6 am – 8 pm. Dr. Sobey discussed changing the drop off time to 6:30 am and the pickup time to 6:00 pm. This change is supported by data that shows that the majority are picked up and dropped off during this time. This change would help with staffing and create cost savings.	
Mr. Austin moved to approve the new hours. Ms. Skinner seconded. All were in favor.	
Action Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. White will connect with the college's insurance representative on Hagy.• Ms. Skinner will have Mr. Collin Witherspoon meet with Dr. Sobey and Ms. Tina Babb on the childcare data analysis on the two daycares.	

4. HAGY FT TEACHER	SOBEY
<p>Dr. Sobey shared that Hagy has lost a full-time teacher; his recommendation was to replace the full-time person.</p> <p>Ms. Skinner moved to approve the full-time teacher for Hagy; Mr. Sherrod seconded. All were in favor.</p>	
<p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sobey will get the numbers to Mr. White on how many are being served at Hagy. 	

5. PLAN FOR SPACES IN DURRETT AND WARREN	SOBEY
<p>Dr. Sobey presented a proposed plan for spaces in Durrett and Warren. Areas discussed were Durrett 101, 104, and Warren 112. Cabinet reviewed the equipment and work needs for the spaces and possible funding sources such as the HSI STEM grant. Cabinet deliberated on allowing areas to move into these spaces before the facilities master plan has been finalized. Mr. Austin recommended amending the request to say that STEM can utilize the spaces in the interim, but not long-term, pending the facilities master plan. Dr. Sobey stated he will email the Dean and Chairs to convey Cabinet's decision.</p> <p>Ms. Skinner moved to approve the request as amended. Mr. Ball seconded. All were in favor.</p>	
<p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sobey will email STEM leadership on the decision and copy Mr. Austin on the email. 	

6. GECAC UPDATE	SOBEY
<p>Dr. Sobey gave cabinet a report on his recent meeting with the General Education Core Advisory Council (GECAC). The council is focused on methods for determining general education curriculum component courses and for condensing the number of courses required in the core for higher education institutions. The Council goals, which are to create a new core, focused on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Durable Skills • Future Ready Curriculum • Credit Mobility • Credit Applicability • Transfer Texas Direct <p>Dr. Sobey discussed potential changes such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing the number of component areas and reframing them around competencies rather than subject areas. • Reducing the core from 42 to 30-36 SCH. • Eliminating the Competent Area option. • Exploring statutory reduction for the HIS/GOVT 12 SCH requirement. • Limiting the number of courses in each competent area. • Eliminating courses with prerequisites from the core in certain cases (e.g., Calculus). • Revising the ACGM to align with the new core framework and requiring four-year institutions to adhere to the ACGM for core courses. • Establishing the core as universally binding and applicable for all public institutions in Texas, no matter how many hours it contains. • Establishing a TCCNS. • Implementing a statewide transfer database. 	
<p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	

7. OTHER DISCUSSION	
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CCBA Conference	
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Other items discussed were:

- Mr. Austin gave an update on his recent trip to the Community College Baccalaureate Association national conference.
- Mr. Austin asked the Cabinet if they wanted to continue Honors Convocation. Cabinet discussed, concluding that there can still be recognition, perhaps as a letter or in the pamphlet at graduation, or doing a ceremony at the department level. Cabinet was in favor discontinuing Honor's Convocation.

Action Items:

- Mr. Austin will remove Honor's Convocation from the master calendar.
- Dr. Sobey will communicate the decision to the appropriate academic leaders.