

PRESIDENT'S CABINET MEETING

May 6, 2014

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brenda Sadler

Core Values: Integrity + Innovation + Teamwork = SUCCESS

Discussion:

2014 PATHWAYS TO PROGRESS INSTITUTE – This institute will be held September 21-23, 2014 in Dallas. The Texas Success Center and Texas Completes will host the conference for all 50 community colleges in Texas. The three-day event is an intensive learning event focused on educational pathway transformation. Teams will interact with pathway experts to develop short-term implementation plans to support colleges' work toward a data-informed and evidence-based pathway for student success.

TEXAS SUCCESS CENTER UPDATE – Matney distributed a handout. Leadership teams were created to assist in student success. Included in the leadership teams' recommendation is a new allocation system for student success points for the 2016-17 biennium. TACC endorsed the Task Force recommendation and is incorporating it into TACC's legislative agenda. The College Readiness Team was launched on March 26, 2014 with 25 attendees representing ISDs, six community colleges, Texas Workforce Commission, Texas Business Association, Texas Student Success Council, UT-Austin, New Mathways Project, E3 Alliance, and TSC evaluation Charlotte Biggerstaff. The team was split into two taskforces to work on two issues: HB 5 mandated college-readiness courses for high school students and the new Texas Success Initiative Assessment (TSIA). Each team developed detailed work plans, which are being executed in conjunction with critical constituencies.

TACC 84TH LEGISLATIVE LANDSCAPE & AGENDA UPDATE – Matney distributed a Texas Success – Texas Association of Community Colleges five-point campaign: legislative priorities handout. The five-point campaign includes: Workforce and Skills Alignment – community colleges provide course offerings that link local and regional workforce demands to meet requirements across a range of industries; Measuring and Funding Success – individual success is defined by each student while community college success is defined by meeting the goals of students; College Readiness – community colleges are committed to collaborations with ISDs across the state to prepare students who are not college ready by establishing and achieving long-term educational goals; Transfer and Articulation – community college students have the opportunity to develop skills and define individual success, preparing them for the workforce or transfer to a college or university; and Texans in Community Colleges – community colleges offer a diverse array of educational opportunities for students at all skill levels and from Texas. Much of the recommendations request enhanced funding to ensure student success at the Texas community colleges.

BOARD POLICY RELEVANT TO GRANTS – A copy of the proposed addition to the AC Board Policy Manual regarding grant development and administration was distributed. Austin moved, seconded by Green to move forward with the addition to the Board Policy Manual. The motion carried. An item requesting approval from the regents will be brought to the May Board meeting.

PROPOSAL FOR FALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY – Last fall's General Assembly was moved to September to allow more people the opportunity to attend. It is proposed for the fall 2014 General Assembly to be held on Friday, September 5 at the Amarillo Civic Center Heritage Room. Discussion ensued. It was proposed to add more speakers to the Assembly. Green received four super hero nominations; she will present the nominations at the May 20 Cabinet meeting. McAnally moved, seconded by Berg to accept the 2014 fall General Assembly agenda. The motion carried.

REVISED SMOKING POLICY – Austin distributed a proposal to include in the AC Board Policy Manual – CGD Safety Program, Use of Tobacco. Following was the proposed revised policy: Smoking or other use of tobacco products (including, but not limited to, cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, pipes, cigars, snuff, or chewing tobacco) is prohibited in any College building. In addition, smoking is not allowed within 20 feet of any building entrance. McAnally moved, seconded by Colaw to go forward with the revised use of tobacco policy. The motion carried. The revision will be presented at the May Board meeting.

SUMMER BUILDING/FLOOR CLOSURES – Areas previously considered included: first floor of Warren Hall -there are nine classes scheduled there this summer; Byrd Business Building second and fourth floors – several classes have been rescheduled, there are no offices on the fourth floor, only classrooms; and West Campus B Building has a list of continued education and criminal justice classes scheduled. After discussion, it was decided to be proactive and investigate closing floors for summer 2015.

STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE BUDGET – Austin distributed a memo from the Student Activity Fee Advisory Committee, Mario Villarreal, SGA President, and Heather Atchley, Director of Student Life recommending the distribution of activity fees for FY 2015. The Student Activity fee will remain at \$1.75/credit hour. An estimate of income from fees is approximately \$279,000 to be budgeted as follows: SGA programming - \$90,000; Funding Board - \$4,000; student travel – \$90,000; student development - \$35,000; Distinguished Lecture Series - \$40,000; and office - \$20,000 (salary contribution to Director's salary).

Announcements:

- Matney distributed a handout regarding talking points from the Senior Center Study Committee.
- Matney and Lowery-Hart received a note from Brian Jacob, instructor, automotive technology. Jacob praised Lyndy Forrester for creating great programs at the East Campus. Businesses in Amarillo are hiring AC students.
- San Jacinto Elementary School fifth graders had a graduation ceremony on the AC Washington Street Campus; Matney reported that it was a great program.
- Matney recommended consideration of hiring an Economic Modeling Specialists International (EMSI) Coach.
- Wendy Marsh donated a Steinway Grand piano to the AC Music Department.

After a brief recess, the Cabinet reconvened to discuss FY2015 budget issues.

Next meeting: June 3, 2014