

**PRESIDENT'S CABINET MEETING**  
**June 3, 2014**  
**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Brenda Sadler and Dr. Wade Shaffer, Provost and VPAA, WTAMU

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

**Cabinet Roundtable:**

Dr. Wade Shaffer, Provost and VPAA, West Texas A&M University, was introduced. Dr. Shaffer has been at WTAMU for 20 years. He was born and raised in Springfield, Missouri. He was a first-generation college student. When Dr. Shaffer was growing up his family moved often due his dad's jobs with Montgomery Ward. He earned his Ph.D. from the College of William & Mary in Virginia with a degree in history. Dr. Shaffer began teaching history at WT, then was promoted to department head, then associate dean of the College of Fine Arts and Humanities. He moved to the associate provost position and currently is the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Shaffer enjoys the opportunity partnering with AC on the student success initiatives. He believes WTAMU and AC have a solid partnership. He is intent on helping students succeed, working with low-income, first-generation students. Dr. Shaffer considers AC transfer students to WT to be among the brightest and best students. WTAMU turned into a traditional 24/7 campus; policies were changed to require students to live on-campus until they have completed 60 hours of coursework or turn 21. New events have been created to offer students many opportunities to become involved on-campus. Five new programs have been added in the last five years; some programs have also been eliminated. Dr. Shaffer said that there are major renovations which still need to be done at the WT campus. He reported that WTAMU is not trying to compete with Amarillo College for students. In fall 2015, the WTAMU campus in downtown Amarillo will be moving into a stand-alone building. WTAMU has guaranteed same tuition rates throughout a student's tenure.

**Discussion:**

**SUPERHERO NOMINATIONS** – Green disclosed the three names of those selected for this year's Superhero awards. They will be revealed at General Assembly in September.

**Announcements:**

- Matney reported that AC has signed an emsi contract. Emsi will conduct individual impact studies for \$9,900. The study provides return rates and other measures illustrating the college as a wise investment for students and taxpayers. It also illustrates how to produce a quality workforce and strengthens the local economy. A typical study takes 3-5 days level of effort from all staff to complete the work.

- A Focus Group meeting for Cabinet members to be briefed regarding the three focus groups and important information which was gathered from them in the spring will be held on Monday, June 9.
- ERS has alerted the college; healthcare premiums are increasing; it will cost AC approximately \$480,000.

Next meeting: June 17, 2014  
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