

# PRESIDENT'S CABINET MEETING

August 5, 2014

## MINUTES

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bob Austin, Terry Berg, Lee M. Colaw, Russell Lowery-Hart, and Danita McAnally

### MEMBER ABSENT:

Ellen Robertson Green

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Brenda Sadler

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

### Discussion:

**ENROLLMENT UPDATE** – Austin said this summer's Badger boot camps have seen more parents involved than ever. Unduplicated headcount with 20 days remaining is 6,771; fall 2013 was 7,469. The projected enrollment for the first day of class is 9,736. There are approximately 700 students missing. Advisors have called past students who have not returned. The trend is consistent with a decline in adult students which is believed to be tied to the local economy. Lowery-Hart said his team has been calling prospective students. AC employees are all willing to do whatever it takes to increase enrollment. Austin stated that AskAC will handle approximately 25,000 calls this month.

**ACCELERATE TEXAS CONSORTIUM GRANT APPLICATION** – McAnally stated that Amarillo College will have to submit a consortium grant with Clarendon College and Frank Phillips College with AC as the lead, fiscal agent; AC is not eligible to apply individually due to prior receipt of this award. The internal deadline is August 27. The funding period is September 1, 2014 – August 31, 2016. The award amount for each college: AC - \$55,626 per year; CC - \$62,500 per year; and FPC - \$62,500 per year. The purpose of the THECB Accelerate Texas Grant is to focus on building, sustaining, and scaling integrated basic skills career pathway programs that support AEL students transitioning to postsecondary education to obtain certificates of one year or less at community colleges. Dr. Tamara Clunis will help with the program requirements which include effective program to support adult learners, including those who are not English proficient; provide career counseling, academic counseling and basic skills development, workforce training, transition counseling, employment search and placement services; provide workforce certifications in CE; and integrated career pathways developed must be on Labor and Workforce Development Agency (LWDA) demand occupation list or identified by the board through real-time labor market analysis. This grant would allow the Panhandle to move forward. McAnally said that a 19 hour/week employee would need to be hired. Partnering on this grant will be beneficial to the PC3 project. The model is already in process. Colaw moved, seconded by McAnally to go forward and apply for the grant. The motion carried.

**PATHWAYS TO PROGRESS CONFERENCE (9/21-9/23)** – McAnally distributed a handout regarding the Texas Success Center Pathways to Progress Institute which is a two day intensive, hands-on learning event for college teams designed to engage college leadership in an in-depth review and discussion of institutional policies and practices around student success and completion.

It will be an information-sharing conference. There will be 200 participants with 50 districts represented in Texas; some colleges are sending 3-6 to participate as a team. Lowery-Hart, McAnally, and Clunis will be speakers. There will be four plenary sessions. Amarillo College will be a featured college. They are looking for an AC team for Texas Completes. If AC sends a team, McAnally said it needs to be decided soon, as registration needs to be paid out of FY14 funds. AC's two AtD coaches, Nancy and Linda, were invited to attend.

**FY15 BUDGET UPDATE** – Berg stated that the major change in the budget since the Board Budget workshop was inclusion of a 2% raise for employees. Certified taxable values per PRAD increased by 3.4% from last year. Berg said AC will ask for an 8/10 of a cent increase. Tax increase on a home valued at \$100,000 would be approximately \$8.00.

**Announcements:**

- Lowery-Hart requested that funds be added to the president's budget to pay for general assembly.

Next meeting: August 19, 2014  
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