# PRESIDENT'S CABINET MEETING April 12, 2016 MINUTES

# MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bob Austin, Cara Crowley, Lyndy Forrester, Ellen Robertson Green, Russell Lowery-Hart, Deborah Vess, and Mark White

# OTHERS PRESENT:

Joy Brenneman, Terry Kleffman

# **Discussion:**

**EMERGENCY MESSAGES** - Terry Kleffman demonstrated how to sign up for the account and provided instructions (attached). It is available for PC and mobile apps (phone, iPad) or call in. Within two minutes information is pushed to the provider, then time of delivery is dependent on speed of the provider. Ellen suggested that we only use text and email as students don't listen to phone messages but instead call back tying up the system. Discussed other uses for this system to notify students of various things. This message will start with "EMERGENCY ALERT" to differentiate from other notifications. First person to the emergency operations center sends out the first message. Cabinet discussed how specific the message should be. Cabinet will practice every other month.

Terry Kleffman is collecting emergency phone numbers for students under 16? Age will be determined. Since much of this information is on paper copies, he will add an emergency contact information field in the system for these CE students. Current students/phone numbers are updated every morning

Lyndy's team is building a "blue sheet" timeline. Terry and Lyndy will work with Diane Brice and Toni Gray on student lists. Dual Credit is excluded. Working toward continuous improvement in the system.

**WOW TEAM CHALLENGE FOCUS GROUP** – Ellen Green reviewed the minutes and feedback from this focus group – see attached report.

Discussion and suggestions for next challenge.

- Now that the project is understood, it should go faster
- Provide more time at General Assembly to work on project
- Find ways to communicate to those without email and teams need to design ways to accommodate their folks.
- Consider FAMILY for the next challenge (the Common Reader theme next year is family
- Consider setting money aside to implement the winning project
- Think through randomly assigning teams electronically, pick a number as you come through the door, assigned ahead of time, etc.

**CAMPUS CARRY POLICY QUESTIONS** – Ellen provided a handout answering the concealed handgun policy questions – attached. We do not have to provide storage. Russell received a copy of WT's policy which Ellen used as a "go-by". Eric Wallace thinks it's too detailed. It was suggested that we have a more detailed policy for the Board Policy Book but a more condensed policy for training. Ellen will take back to committee one more time and then provide Cabinet with a copy of the detailed and condensed versions. The Board of Regents must review within 90 days and could vote on the policy this August, giving the college a full year for training before it goes into effect in August of 2017.

ALIAS EMAIL ADDRESSES – Lowery-Hart asked why it is necessary to use the ID number as an email address. Kleffman explained the limitations of the UNIX operating system to 8 characters and that Lee Colaw wanted logins to be the same across all AC systems. That has not been implemented fully. Employees may create an email alias, i.e. <a href="mailto:idsmith@actx.edu">idsmith@actx.edu</a>, through AC connect. There is a need for training and Forrester will include in pre-orientation training in HR.

**FOUNDATIONS OF EXCELLENCE** – Vess stated that the committees worked very hard and did a great job.

- Nine dimension committees working along with a steering committee
  - Six committees have completed reports, but some have not provided recommendations within those reports (deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>)
  - Will compile all recommendations into a single document. Steering committee will prioritized and consolidate reports.
  - Will bring in full reports to cabinet after April 15<sup>th</sup>
- Feedback by Betsy Barefoot
  - Need specific philosophy for expectations for FYE support educational environment vs. engaging students; expand to first-year student and beyond; added community component
  - Give students rationale for class scheduling and classroom learning in addition to outcomes
  - Create mission statements for programs that connect to AC's mission statement
  - o We have data but are not using it

**FALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY** – Lowery-Hart discussed items to be included in this coming year's General Assembly

- Concealed carry
- Team challenge
- Pay for performance
  - Raise will go into effect Fall 2017 for classified and administrators
  - Dr. Vess to update on the faculty side powerful, inclusive, positive response
- Mark White Professionalism
  - o Voicemail, email, etc. (all are public information)
- Dr. Vess Guided pathways
- Bob Austin Strategic plan in scorecard format (numbers & data)
- Student voices (Little Badgers)

 Celebrate achievements of faculty and staff, maybe using a scrolling power point presentation

IT STAFFING & COMPUTER REPLACEMENT – Forrester relayed that funds for computer replacement exist in the IT budget but have not been used and maximized; 150 computers will be replaced with Dell computers. Open position in the IT budget will be filled by a staff member affected by the reduction in force. This is a replacement position and not a reinstatement of the old position and will allow a continuation of benefits.

**RELATED DISCUSSION** – Crowley stated that changes should be noted in next year's budget because prior year's budget lines are rolled over and changes are not reflected.

- Cabinet members should meet with Jeanette Nelson in the next week to discuss budgets based on cuts this year
- Need to cut capital requests
- Steve Smith and Jeanette will be on next week's agenda

AMARILLO COLLEGE SEXUAL ASSAULT POLICY – Austin noted that legislation from last Spring requires a sexual assault policy advertised for students. AC has had a modest, not consistent policy that was not strong enough. We are required to submit a policy. Austin, White, and Police Chief Steve Chance sat down and came up with policy – attached. Asking for Cabinet approval and will incorporate into the Student Rights & Responsibilities. This will be added to BOR agenda for April board meeting. Bob will send to TACC by deadline and will work with Forrester to create one policy taking what is in the Rights & Responsibilities, Board policy, etc. It was suggested that AC should add a policy prohibiting relationships between a faculty and a student.

Policy approved, none opposed.

# **NO EXCUSES 2020**

- Learning curriculum maps 94% complete, program 97% complete
- Kleffman is installing Microsoft Project; available by May 2, J: drive will be set up for cabinet and designees; Lynda.com has trainings available
- Strategic plan needs to be relayed to divisions/departments; IT is getting this out to their division
- 50% 8-week classes not quite there but will be there by Fall
- Spring 80%
  - Dual credit will not be included
- Physical Education did not move to 8-week but should be there within a few weeks.
- Over 40 blocks have been developed (not counting DevEd), Dr. Vess will bring information next week

## **BRAGGING ON EMPLOYEES**

 Bob – Felicity Swann in Financial Aid sends out information regarding the Eldon Durrett Scholarship and has taken the lead to insure we have many applicants and handles all communication with AISD

- Deborah Jeff Gibson came to the Vice President of Academic Affairs Division without a budget but has collaborated with Emily Gilbert and Heather Voran to make things happen – Lyndy
- Russell Terry Kleffman has taken on the direction of IT exhibiting leadership and caring in a difficult situation and expressing our values – Deborah
- Cara Jordan Herrera had a great presentation at AACC with great response from other campuses. She exhibits care for students that we don't know about – Lyndy
- Lyndy Janet Barton met our new VP of Business Affairs, Steve Smith, on a Saturday to do his orientation – Bob
- Ellen Tiffiny Shepherd took over much of the work when Sheri moved to the East Campus – Cara

**ADDITIONAL DISCUSSIONS** – Cara reported that IPEDS is adding new cohorts to reporting for Fall 2016 and suggested we run numbers this year and develop talking points. Funding likely will be impacted on the four points. Bob will send a spreadsheet regarding census data to Dr. Vess.

Next week Ellen will show new video spot

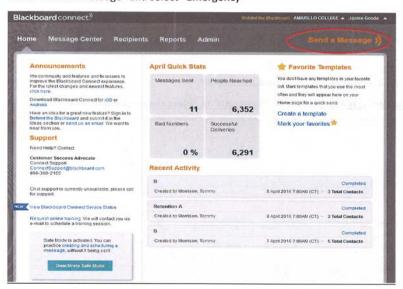
Bob will provide an update on more aggressive enrollment in two weeks.

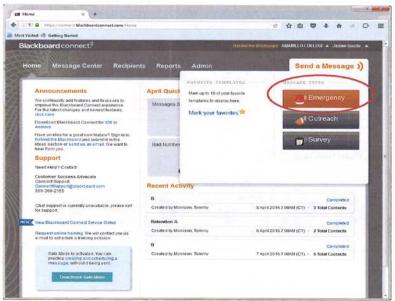
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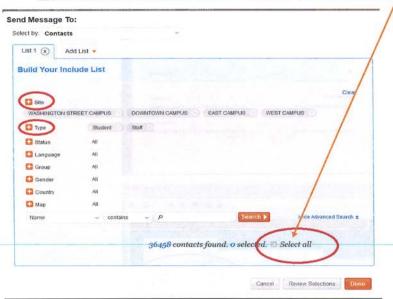
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April 11, 2016

To:

President's Cabinet

Amarillo College

From:

Ellen Robertson Green

Re: Concealed Handgun Policy Questions

Here are answers to the questions raised during the President's Cabinet meeting on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, concerning Senate Bill 11 (campus carry).

I consulted Senator Kel Seliger's office, Eric Wallace and Hank Blanchard (AC Law Enforcement Academy) to obtain the following answers:

- 1. What is the TABC law concerning carrying concealed weapons where alcohol is being legally served? Do we need to include that wording in our policy since we do serve alcohol on our campus once in a while (if it's been approved by the college President)?
- No we do not need to include any wording in the policy. TABC only regulates firearms on premises who

received 51% or more of their income from alcohol sales. We don't, so no need to worry. If we want to exclude firearms where alcohol is being served, we would need to include something that states that and put up the proper notice at those events.

- 2. We do have high school students in classrooms on our campus on a regular basis (as part of our dual credit classes). Do we need to limit concealed carry in those classrooms simply because those kids are minors? (What does Texas law say about that?)
- There is nothing in the law about having a concealed handgun in the presence of a minor. Anyone 17 and up is actually an adult by Texas law, although you must be 21 or older to obtain a handgun license. Either way, no need to restrict the carry of concealed handguns in those classes.
  - 3. Since the Amarillo Museum of Art is owned by AC, do we need to include that space in our policy? If we prohibit weapons there -- will they need to provide storage for guns?
- No need to prohibit unless we decide we want to prohibit there and have a reason for it. If they lease the

property from AC, per the recommended policy, they can decide on their own to prohibit if they post the proper notice. And, handgun storage is only required in dorms and residence halls. The college has no responsibility to provide handgun storage anywhere else.

- 4. What is the timeline for submitting our plan to the State?
- The law goes into effect for community colleges on August 1, 2017, so the president needs to set the policy no later than then, and we must communicate to students and staff and prominently post it on our website. The Board then must review it within 90 days and make any changes they want to make. After that, the policy is final. Reports must be submitted to the state by September 1 of each even-numbered year.

#### Sexual Misconduct Information

Members of the Amarillo College's community, guests, and visitors have the right to be free from sexual violence. All members of the campus community are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that does not infringe upon the rights of others. Amarillo College believes in zero tolerance regarding sexual or gender-based misconduct. When an allegation of misconduct is brought to an appropriate administrator's attention, and a respondent is found to have violated this plan, serious sanctions will be imposed to reasonably ensure that such actions are never repeated.

This plan has been developed to reaffirm these principles and to provide recourse for those individuals whose rights have been violated. This plan is intended to define community expectations and to establish a mechanism for determining when those expectations have been violated.

The college reserves the right to take whatever measures it deems necessary in response to an allegation of sexual misconduct in order to protect students' rights and personal safety. Such measures include, but are not limited to; modification of class schedule, interim suspension from campus pending a hearing, and reporting the matter to the local police. Not all forms of sexual misconduct will be deemed to be equally serious offenses and the college reserves the right to impose different sanctions, ranging from verbal warning to expulsion, depending on the severity of the offense. The college will consider the concerns and rights of both the complainant and the person accused of sexual misconduct.

In campus hearings, legal terms like "guilt", "innocence", and "burden of proof are not applicable, but the College never assumes a student is in violation of college policy. Campus hearings are conducted to take into account the totality of all evidence available, from all relevant sources.

#### **Expectations with Respect to Physical Sexual Misconduct**

The expectations of our community regarding sexual misconduct can be summarized as follows: In order for individuals to engage in sexual activity of any type with each other, there must be clear, knowing and voluntary consent prior to and during sexual activity. Consent is sexual permission. Consent can be given by word or action, but non-verbal consent is not as clear as talking about what you do and do not want sexually. Consent to one form of sexual activity cannot be automatically taken as consent to any other form of sexual activity. Silence--without actions demonstrating permission--cannot be assumed to show consent.

Additionally, there is a difference between seduction and coercion. Coercing someone into sexual activity is a violation of this plan in the same manner as physically forcing someone into sex. Coercion happens when someone is pressured unreasonably for sex.

Because alcohol or other drug use can place the capacity to consent in question, sober sex is less likely to raise such questions. When alcohol or other drugs are being used, a person will be considered unable to give valid consent. They cannot fully understand the details of a sexual interaction ("who, what, when, where, why, and how') because they lack the capacity to reasonably understand the situation. Individuals who consent to sex must be able to understand what they are doing. Under this plan, 'No"

always means "No" and "Yes" may not always mean "Yes'. Anything less than a clear, knowing and voluntary consent to any sexual activity is equivalent to a "No".

**Expectations with Respect to Consensual Relationships** 

Romantic or sexual relationships between individuals in unequal positions (such as teacher and student, supervisor and employee) may be less consensual than perceived by the individual whose position confers power. The relationship also may be viewed in different ways by each of the parties, particularly in retrospect. Furthermore, circumstances may change, and conduct that was previously welcome may become unwelcome. Even when both parties have consented at the outset to a romantic or sexual involvement, this past consent may not remove grounds for a later charge of a violation of applicable sections of the faculty/staff handbooks.

Sexual Violence — Risk Reduction Tips

Below is a list of suggestions to help avoid and reduce the risk of experiencing a non-consensual sexual act:

- a. If you have limits, make them known as early as possible.
- b. Tell a sexual aggressor "NO" clearly and firmly.
- c. Try to remove yourself from the physical presence of a sexual aggressor.
- d. Find someone nearby and ask for help.
- e. Take affirmative responsibility for your alcohol intake/ drug use and acknowledge that alcohol/drugs lower your sexual inhibitions and may make you vulnerable to someone who views an impaired person as a sexual opportunity.

Take care of your friends and ask that they take care of you. A real friend will challenge you if you are about to make a mistake. Respect them when they do.

#### Definitions

## Sexual Misconduct

Sexual misconduct, including sexual assault, is defined as deliberate contact of a sexual nature without the other person's consent. Sexual misconduct may vary in its severity and consists of a range of behaviors or attempted behaviors that may be grounds for student conduct action under college policy. These behaviors, all of which constitute sexual misconduct include:

1. Non-consensual sexual contact: Non-consensual sexual contact is any sexual touching, with any object, by a man or a woman upon another person without consent or making any person touch you or them in a sexual manner. It is defined as engaging in any sexual contact other than intercourse with another person without that person's consent and/or cognizance. It includes any non-consensual sexual contact, including any improper touching of intimate body parts. It also includes the non-consensual

removal of another's clothing, indecent contact (i.e., the unwanted touching of intimate body parts including, but not limited to; genitals, buttocks, groin, or breasts) or causing another to have indecent contact with them.

- 2. Non-consensual intercourse: Non-consensual intercourse is any sexual intercourse (anal, oral or vaginal), with any object, by a man or woman upon another person without consent. It is defined as engaging in sexual intercourse (oral, anal or vaginal) with another person without that person's consent and/or cognizance. Nonconsensual intercourse may be accomplished by expressly or implicitly forcing or coercing another person to have sexual intercourse against his/her will, including the use or threat of physical force, or any behavior that is designed to intimidate and induce fear in another person. Nonconsensual intercourse can also occur when another person is under the influence of alcohol or other drugs, is undergoing physical or emotional trauma, is less than 17 years of age, or is otherwise incapable of denying or giving consent (for example, when an individual is in an unconscious or semi-conscious state).
- 3. Sexual Exploitation: Sexual exploitation occurs when a person takes non-consensual or sexual advantage of an- other or his/her own advantage or benefit, or to benefit or advantage anyone other than the one being exploited, and that behavior does not otherwise constitute one of the other sexual misconduct offenses. Examples of sexual exploitation include, but are not limited to:
- · prostituting another person;
- · nonconsensual video or audio taping of sexual activity;
- going beyond the boundaries of consent (such as letting your friends hide in the closet to watch you having consensual sex);
- engaging in voyeurism;
- knowingly transmitting an STD or HIV to another.

#### Sex Discrimination

Sex discrimination includes all forms of sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, and sexual violence by employees, students, or third parties against employees, students, or others on campus. Sex discrimination also includes stalking, dating violence and domestic violence. Students, College employees, and third parties are prohibited from harassing other students and/or employees whether or not the incidents of harassment occur on the college campus and whether or not the incidents occur during working hours.

## Sexual and Gender-based Harassment

Sexual harassment is unwanted sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or visual, verbal, or physical conduct of a sexual nature when: (1) submission to such conduct is made either implicitly or explicitly, as a term or condition of an individual's employment or academic status; (2) submission to or rejection of

such conduct is used as a basis for employment or education decisions affecting the individual; or (3) such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with a student's or employee's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working, educational, or living environment. While sexual harassment encompasses a wide range of conduct, some examples of specifically prohibited conduct include:

- 1. Promising, directly or indirectly, a reward to an individual if the person complies with a sexually oriented request.
- Threatening, directly or indirectly, retaliation against an individual, if the person refuses to comply with a sexually oriented request.
- 3. Denying, directly or indirectly, an individual employment or education related opportunity, if the individual refuses to comply with a sexually oriented request.
- 4. Engaging in sexually suggestive conversation or physical contact or touching another individual.
- 5. Displaying pornographic or sexually oriented materials.
- 6. Engaging in indecent exposure.
- Making sexual or romantic advances toward an individual and persisting despite the individual's rejection of the advances.
- 8. Physical conduct such as assault, touching, or blocking normal movement.
- 9. Retaliation for making harassment reports or threatening to report harassment.

Gender-based harassment is also prohibited. It includes, but is not limited to; acts of verbal, nonverbal, or physical aggression, intimidation, or hostility based on sex or sex stereotyping, even if those acts do not involve conduct of a sexual nature.

Sexual harassment can involve males or females being harassed by members of either sex. Although sexual harassment sometimes involves a person in a greater position of authority as the harasser, individuals in positions of lesser or equal authority also can be found responsible for engaging in prohibited harassment. Sexual harassment can be physical and/or psychological in nature. An aggregation of a series of incidents can constitute sexual harassment even if one of the incidents considered separately would not rise to the level of harassment.

#### Coercion

Coercing someone into sexual activity violates this policy as much as physically forcing someone into sex. Coercion exists when a sexual initiator engages in sexually pressuring and/or oppressive behavior that violates the norms of the community and that application of pressure or oppression causes another individual to engage in unwanted sexual behavior. Coercion may be differentiated from seduction by the

repetition of the coercive activity beyond what is reasonable, the degree of pressure applied, environmental factors such as isolation and the initiator's knowledge that the pressure is unwanted.

#### Consent

Effective consent is the basis of the analysis applied to unwelcome sexual contact. Lack of consent is the critical factor in any incident of sexual misconduct and sexual violence.

- 1. Consent is informed, freely and actively given, and requires clear communication between all persons involved in the sexual encounter
- 2. Consent is active, not passive. Consent can be communicated verbally or by actions. But in whatever way consent is communicated, it must be mutually understandable. Silence, in and of itself, cannot be interpreted as consent.
- 3. It is the responsibility of the initiator of sexual contact to make sure they understand fully what the person with whom they are involved wants and does not want sexually.
- 4. Consent to one form of sexual activity does not imply consent to other forms of sexual activity.
- 5. Previous relationships or consent does not imply consent to future sexual acts.
- 6. Consent cannot be procured by use of physical force, compelling threats, intimidating behavior, or coercion. Coercion is unreasonable pressure for sexual activity. Coercive behavior differs from seductive behavior based on the type of pressure someone uses to get consent from another.
- 7. Incapacitation is a state where one cannot make a rational, reasonable decision because they lack the ability to understand who, what, when, where, why and how of their sexual interaction.
- 8. Effective consent cannot be given by minors, mentally disabled individuals or persons incapacitated as a result of drugs or alcohol.
- 9. Use of alcohol or other drugs will never function to excuse behavior that violates this policy. When alcohol or other drugs are being used, someone will be considered unable to give valid consent if they cannot appreciate who, what, when where, why and how of a sexual interaction. Individuals who consent to sex must be able to understand what they are doing.
- 10. If you have sexual activity with someone you know to be, or should know to be, mentally or physically incapacitated (by alcohol or other drug use, unconsciousness or blackout), you are in violation of this policy.
- 11. This policy also covers someone whose incapacity results from mental disability, sleep, involuntary physical restraint, or from the taking of a so-called "date-rape" drug. Possession, use and/or distribution of any of these substances, including Rohypnol, Ketamine, GHB, Burundanga, etc., is prohibited and administering one of these drugs to another person for the purpose of inducing incapacity is a violation of this policy.

If you find yourself in the position of being the initiator of sexual behavior, you owe sexual respect to your potential partner. These suggestions may help you to reduce your risk for being accused of sexual misconduct:

- 1. DO NOT MAKE ASSUMPTIONS about consent, about someone's sexual availability, about whether they are attracted to you, about how far you can go or about whether they are physically or mentally able to consent to you.
- 2. Clearly communicate your intentions to your sexual partner and give them a chance to clearly relate their intentions to you.
- 3. Understand that consent to some forms of sexual behavior does not necessarily imply the consent to other forms of sexual behavior.
- 4. Mixed messages from your partner should be a clear indication that you should step back, defuse the sexual tension, and communicate better. Perhaps you are misreading them.
- 5. Do not take advantage of someone's drunkenness, impaired or drugged state, even if they did it to themselves.
- 6. Realize that your potential partner could be intimidated by, or fearful of you.
- 7. Silence and passivity cannot be interpreted by you as an indication of consent. Read your partner carefully, paying attention to verbal and non-verbal communication.

## Retaliation

The college strictly prohibits retaliation against any person for reporting, testifying, assisting or participating, in any manner, in any investigation or proceeding involving allegations of discrimination or harassment. Any person who violates this policy will be subject to discipline, up to and including termination if they are an employee, and/or expulsion if they are a student.

Retaliation is any action by any person that is perceived as: intimidating, hostile, harassing, a form of retribution, or violence that occurs in connection to the making and follow-up of the report.

## **Dating Violence**

The term "dating violence" means violence committed by a person (a) who is or has been in a social relationship of romantic or intimate nature with the complainant; and (b) where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following: the length of relationship, the type of relationship and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

#### Domestic Violence

The term "domestic violence" includes felony or misdemeanor crimes committed by the current or former spouse of the complainant, by a person whom the complainant has a child with, by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the complainant under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant monies, or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from the person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction.

#### Stalking

The term "stalking" means engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for his or her safety or the safety of others; or suffer substantial emotional distress.

Student Complaint Procedure (Current Narrative in Rights and Responsibilities Document)

A student who believes he or she has been or is being subjected to any form of sexual harassment shall bring the matter to the attention of the Vice President of Student Affairs or the Vice President's designee in accordance with the procedures in the College's complaints policy. However, no procedure or step in that policy shall have the effect of requiring the student alleging harassment to present the matter to a person who is the subject of the complaint. Nor shall a sexual harassment complaint be dismissed because it is not filed within the time lines set out.

In determining whether alleged behavior constitutes sexual harassment, Amarillo College will examine the record as a whole and all aspects of the circumstances, such as the nature of the sexual advances and the context in which the alleged incidents occurred.

If the allegation of sexual harassment involves an administrator, faculty member or classified employee of the College, provisions of the "Discrimination" policy stated above will be followed. If the allegation involves a student or students, it will be handled in keeping with the "Student Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures" as stated in this publication. If a student has questions concerning these policies or procedures, he/she should contact the Vice President of Student Affairs.