

PRESIDENT'S CABINET MEETING
May 26, 2015
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bob Austin, Lee M. Colaw, Cara Crowley, Ellen Robertson Green, Russell Lowery-Hart, and Deborah Vess

MEMBER ABSENT:

Terry Berg

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brenda Sadler

Discussion:

COLLEGE COMMITTEES – This item was deferred for another Cabinet meeting.

MEDIA RELEASE FORMS FOR ONLINE PERSONAL STORIES – Green said that Mark White, AC legal counsel, created a release form for students or staff members who present personal stories to Panhandle PBS. This form will be placed on the AC portal. Heather Atchley will be encouraged to put a copy of the form in student packets.

BOARD OF REGENTS ORIENTATION – Lowery-Hart distributed and discussed an agenda for the June 1 Board of Regent Orientation. There will be two-hour block from 10-12 for the Washington Street Campus walking tour. Cabinet was requested to make their areas presentable and staff available to answer any questions. The future student commons in the soon-to-be-named Ware Library will be presented and the third floor of the library where the Developmental Education Department resides will be toured. Lowery-Hart wants the new regents to see AC in action. The orientation will continue on to the East and West Campuses.

STRATEGIC PLAN RETREAT – Lowery-Hart reminded the Cabinet of the Strategic Plan Retreat on June 2, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. It will be held in the Jones Hall 208 Conference Room. Lowery-Hart said the action plans need to be the most important discussion to bring forward at the Cabinet retreat.

POSITION JUSTIFICATIONS – (1) Vess had two faculty requests, but only requested filling an open ADN faculty position and giving them a non-renewal contract and not filling the other requested faculty position. Any faculty whose position will not be renewed will have to be contacted 15 days before October 1. Colaw moved, seconded by Austin. Lowery-Hart recused himself; the motion carried.

BRAGGING ON EMPLOYEES – Vess bragged on Kristin McDonald-Willey, Director of Institutional Effectiveness, and her work at the faculty retreat.

Announcements:

- The Texas Association of Community Colleges reports that the legislature is moving forward on the campus carry bill which would allow guns on college campuses, and if signed by Governor Abbott it will go into effect August 1, 2016.
- As of May 26, summer 2015 headcount is 2,858 compared to 2,928 in summer 2014 which is down 2.4%; contact hours are down .7%; and credit hours are up 1.1%. Summer classes which do not have 12 enrolled may be cancelled or combined with other sections.
- Green related that Bell Helicopter plans to lay off more employees; that will give AC an opportunity to offer further training to those individuals.

Next meeting: June 16, 2015

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