

PRESIDENT'S CABINET MEETING

June 27, 2017

MINUTES

CALLED TO ORDER

9:10 am on 06/27/2017

ADJOURNED

11:20 am on 06/27/2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bob Austin, Kevin Ball, Tamara Clunis, Cara Crowley, Lyndy Forrester, Russell Lowery-Hart, Steve Smith, Mark White

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Joy Brenneman, Carol Buse, DeWayne Higgs

DISCUSSION:

1. LEARNING ABOUT CIS	DeWayne Higgs Carol Buse
<p>Dr. Lowery-Hart began the conversation by welcoming DeWayne Higgs and Carol Buse and stated that Cabinet wanted to have a conversation about the future of technology programs and the job market. He asked for their vision and input for making technology degrees the largest major field at AC. There are just over 200 majors currently. Dr. Buse noted that technology can go in many directions, i.e. networking to graphic arts, Mr. Higgs noted that programming, networking, and coding is the future of IT. AI and robotics curriculum would need to be fluid to cover more contemporary topics for today. Initially some course offerings might need to be CE. Lowery-Hart asked Mr. Higgs and Dr. Buse to consider what professional development, technology, resources, and curriculum would be needed.</p> <p>Mr. Higgs is a part of an Amarillo technology group that pulls together technologists across the area and provides a means of community. They are looking at ways to improve local culture to draw in more businesses and to make Amarillo more favorable for the tech sector. They are looking at grass roots, entrepreneurial, and small business starts up. The group will be hosting a "hackathon" August 11-12 which will draw about 40 people and show that Amarillo does offer this type of event.</p> <p>Lowery-Hart asked Mr. Higgs to draw up a one-page white paper explaining the purpose of the event and the group and ways in which Amarillo College might be able to support these. They are currently supported by the WT Enterprise Center with a space to meet and some marketing.</p> <p>Dr. Buse noted that Mr. Higgs organized a conference in Amarillo last year for the Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP). This was held on the AC campus and brought in 213 people from 14 schools and universities including the University of Mississippi.</p> <p>Cabinet discussed the vision for AC as an epicenter for technology and how to engender a more technologically savvy community. Aspects of a tech community are creative innovation hubs and outlets for creativity. The college could help current industry shift to what is coming and focus on keeping technologists in the area and employed. Cabinet also briefly discussed the need to grow interest and course offerings for technology in the Panhandle IDS's.</p>	

<p>ACTION ITEMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Clunis will schedule a meeting with CIS faculty to discuss professional development, memberships, curriculum issues, and pathways and communities. She will include Mr. Ball. • Mr. Higgs will complete a one-page write up discussing ways the college can support the mash-up group. • Dr. Clunis and faculty will work on a comprehensive vision from K-16 to a job. • Use PLI to integrate conversations • General Assembly could include a conversation that technology is the future 	Clunis Ball Higgs
<p>2. WTAMU MEET AND GREET</p>	
<p>Dr. Wendler at WTAMU is requesting a meeting with Dr. Lowery-Hart and key faculty to meet with him and his faculty.</p>	
<p>ACTION ITEMS Dr. Clunis will provide a list of Math and STEM faculty to Ms. Brenneman who will work with WTAMU to schedule the meeting sometime in August.</p>	
<p>3. CABINET MEETINGS</p>	
<p>Dr. Lowery-Hart requested input for the meeting format, time, length, and occurrence. The Cabinet agreed that meeting weekly is beneficial. Mr. Witherspoon will be asked to bring data every other week or once month to allow time for discussion of the information he provides before new data is introduced. Items that don't require much discussion or time will be put at the beginning of the agenda.</p>	
<p>ACTION ITEMS n/a</p>	
<p>4. ENROLLMENT UPDATE</p>	
<p>Mr. Austin provided the following update via email and discussed it briefly in the meeting: Summer 2017, Day 36 – headcount up 12.9%, contact hours up 8.8%, credit hours up 7.8% Fall 2017, 55 days remaining – headcount up 5.88%, contact hours down 2.41%, credit hours up 1.35%</p>	
<p>ACTION ITEMS n/a</p>	
<p>5. BRAGGING ON EMPLOYEES</p>	
<p>Not discussed</p>	
<p>ACTION ITEMS n/a</p>	
<p>6. COMMUNICATION POINTS</p>	
<p>Not discussed</p>	
<p>ACTION ITEMS n/a</p>	
<p>7. POSITION JUSTIFICATIONS</p>	
<p>None</p>	
<p>ACTION ITEMS n/a</p>	