

PRESIDENT'S CABINET MEETING

August 8, 2017

MINUTES

CALLED TO ORDER

9:14 am on 08/08/2017

ADJOURNED

11:22 am on 08/08/2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Joy Brenneman

DISCUSSION:

1. TACC	Lowery-Hart
TACC is working towards getting clarification as to whether community colleges are exempt from the "bathroom" bill but it has not yet been determined. Universities are exempt, but it is unclear whether this applies to community colleges even though the sponsor of the bill never intended for it to apply to community colleges. TACC is working on a response.	
ACTION ITEMS	
Amarillo College has no comment at this time as the law is unclear.	

2. GREAT COLLEGES REPORT	Lowery-Hart
<p>The results from the Great College survey are encouraging with AC receiving a rating of "good" overall. Almost one-half of the respondents were faculty. The adjunct faculty category warrants the most attention, followed by teaching environment and shared governance. The categories with the highest ratings were pride, job satisfaction, and support. The senior leadership was rated good overall but fair to mediocre by faculty. The areas of fairness, respect, and appreciation need some attention as well. We will purchase their report which includes greater detail.</p> <p><u>Related Discussions</u></p> <p>Cabinet discussed holding a reception for faculty prior to graduation in December using the hospitality room at the Civic Center as it is already included in our contract.</p> <p>JD Souther is coming in October hosted by the AC Foundation, so the Celebration of Education event will be moved to the Spring.</p> <p>The new website launched today and cabinet reviewed some of the pages. College Relations is in the process of updating all of the individual pages, many of which reverted back to old information with the launch. It will take some time to get through them all.</p>	
ACTION ITEMS	Forrester White Ball
<p>Ms. Forrester will send the Great Colleges report to cabinet and identify a few categories to work on.</p> <p>Mr. White will give a thank you note to Ms. Forrester to give to the Plemons-Eakle Homeowners Association for their help with the "AC flags.</p> <p>Mr. Ball will update our Wikipedia and other pages on the web.</p>	

3. NEW FACULTY LINES AND ENROLLMENT	Lowery-Hart
This item is moved to the next agenda. The course sections are filling up for the new faculty lines except in biology and those positions are not yet filled. Dr. Clunis is working with the department chairs to continue adding sections to the schedule as needed.	
ACTION ITEMS Put on next week's agenda.	Brenneman
4. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES	White
Mr. White put together a legislative notebook for each cabinet member. It includes all legislation that might affect community colleges and is arranged by sections. He highlighted some sections related to elections, conflicts of interest, open meetings, public information, etc. He can provide copies of the actual bills if requested and encouraged cabinet members to contact him with any questions. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board will write rules based on this legislation which will be disseminated to community colleges. Mr. Austin will continue to maintain the student contact information for the college.	
ACTION ITEMS n/a	
5. ENROLLMENT UPDATE	Austin
Enrollment is up 6.05%, contact hours up 1.64%, and credit hours 4.2%; up 6.27% over the 3-year average. Dual Credit enrollment is ahead compared to last year by about 15 students. Ms. Becky Burton believes dual credit enrollments will be up, particularly because Spanish is offered this year. The payment deadline is Friday and the Assistance Center will open from 8:00 – 3:00 on Saturday to help students register or re-register. Pay as you go registration begins after that. Mr. Ball noted that there are 500 spots currently running on television. Mr. Austin reviewed a chart he maintains that reflects course offerings. There are still open sections in core courses on the Washington Street Campus including history, psychology, trigonometry, and speech. He also noted that there are 52 students enrolled in dual degree programs this year.	
ACTION ITEMS Ms. Crowley and Ms. Forrester will take cookies to the Assistance Center on Saturday.	
6. BRAGGING ON EMPLOYEES	Cabinet
Mr. Austin – Janet Barton for her hard work on the cook team getting food for orientation events and setting up those events. Dr. Lowery-Hart – Tommy deJesus, Shane Hepler, Wes Condray, Sadie Newsome, and Stefanie Carruth for their hard work on the new web page Mr. White – all of the physical plant crew for their hard work on the Hagy Center Ms. Crowley – Shon Wagner, Carlos Bargas, and Andrew Flores for helping unload \$3500 worth of food for the food pantry	
ACTION ITEMS	
7. COMMUNICATION POINTS	Forrester
Lyndy reviewed.	
ACTION ITEMS n/a	
8. POSITION JUSTIFICATIONS	Cabinet

None

ACTION ITEMS n/a	
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9. OTHER DISCUSSION	Cabinet
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Each cabinet member has an appointment to visit with Denese Skinner during her orientation.	
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