

PRESIDENT'S CABINET MEETING

August 15, 2006

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steven Jones, Terry Berg, Renea Fike, Victor Fite, Brad Johnson, Paul Matney, and Damaris Schlong

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brenda Sadler

Johnson distributed a draft of the 2006 Enrollment Review.

BALANCING THE BUDGET – Berg distributed a draft of the 2007 budget and discussed the latest numbers. There is \$45 million in projected revenues. With projected expenditures, a 3% raise, and adjusted fringes the projected expenditures is also at \$45 million. Projected ad valorem tax revenues are approximately \$11 million. Total 2007 revenues may be a 4% increase from 2006. On the expenditures side it appears that in contingencies there will be an \$83,620 savings between actual 3% vs. projected plus fringes with a 4% increase in overall expenditures. Berg discussed the contingencies table. We will have \$85,000 less in the 2007 budget than in the 2006 budget. Jones has met with Human Resources and will not fill any replacement positions until after the budget is balanced.

BOND ISSUE DISCUSSION (FACILITY & PROCESS) – Jones said he will meet with Lee Burch from 3DI to discuss plans regarding a bond issue. Further discussion will take place at subsequent Cabinet meetings.

MINIMUM TUITION – Matney reported on a situation where the minimum tuition seems to be a problem for some 1-hour and 2-hour music classes. The Music Department has offered Community Chorus and Community Band for many years in which a great number of community people enroll every semester. This fall it was proposed to charge a minimum tuition which would be \$147.75 for a less than 3-hour course. Dr. Steven Weber believes this increase is significant and will keep some from enrolling in it for credit and take the course for Continuing Education for only \$10. This occurrence could keep him from making his teaching load. The administration will waive the minimum tuition for fall 2006 for these classes. Administration will work on a long-term solution for the future.

BRUTAL FACTS – Jones distributed a copy of the results of feedback on brutal questions survey. After reviewing the Cabinet responses, it was discovered that some had been taken care of since this list was compiled. Jones will modify and shorten the list for further discussion.

MISCELLANEOUS –

Berg reported that Deep East Texas is offering to insure our Workers' Compensation policy for 2008 for \$365,000 vs. \$417,000. AC's worker's comp loss rates have been lower the past five years.

Fite informed the Cabinet that his administrative assistant, Jeanette Nelson, has taken an accounting position in the Business Office.

Next meeting: September 5, 2006

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