

# PRESIDENT'S CABINET MEETING

March 20, 2018

## MINUTES

### CALLED TO ORDER

9:39 am on 03/20/18

### ADJOURNED

11:56 am on 03/20/18

### MEMBERS PRESENT

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

### MEMBERS ABSENT

### OTHERS PRESENT

Joy Brenneman

### DISCUSSION:

1. PROSPER ACT	Crowley
<p>Ms. Crowley attended the National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C. in February and brought information back to Cabinet regarding the PROSPER Act, which is the reauthorization of the higher education act. Some aspects of this legislation will adversely affect higher education and particularly the lower and middle classes. It is currently out of committee on the House side, and in committee on the Senate side. This is the committee where Russell testified in January. The biggest issue is the proposed full higher education status to be given to for-profit colleges. This will give them more financial aid funding and take away from public institutions. Data reflects that for-profit schools are less successful than public institutions. Other issues include a \$4B cut to higher education funding, opening up Perkins funding to universities, and cuts to TRIO and HSI-STEM funding. HSI funds will be used for apprenticeship programs, which will require a 50% match by the institution. Title V grants will require a 25% completion rate and a student can only count one as one completion. Amarillo College has two TRIO-SSS grants (Moore County and West Campus) which could be impacted by changes requiring a 20% institutional match. These grants will become more competitive and prior preference will no longer be given.</p> <p>Some proposed changes to PELL include an increase to \$6300/year; a bonus to full-time, year-round students; and, an extension to include certain Level I and II certificates. However, they also propose mandatory aid-like-paycheck and a 30-day hold-out before releasing any leftover money to students. For AC students, this would be half-way into the first 8 weeks. Ms. Crowley also noted that SEOG (Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant) grants, which supplement PELL, will be terminated in order to provide more work study funding. This limited funding will also be available to universities and for-profit schools (who currently do not receive this type of funding).</p> <p>Federal Student Loans would be combined into one program rather than six. This legislation would eliminate subsidized student loans, allow interest to accrue while a student is still in school, and remove all forgiveness plans. Interest would stop after ten years. It proposes a risk-sharing plan where colleges are responsible to pay a loan back if a student withdraws at any point. Currently, Mr. Smith is setting up payment plans for students who would like to return to school but owe Amarillo College money.</p>	

This act also may lead to the creation of a national student database, which would lay the ground work for determining whether a certain degree is worth the cost of education and possibly lead to defunding of some degrees.

Ms. Crowley reviewed ways in which each Cabinet member's area might be impacted and encouraged Cabinet to track this legislation as it moves forward.

Dr. Lowery-Hart will be at a TACC meeting on Thursday where these issues will be discussed.

<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>Cabinet</b>
The following are possible action items discussed during this report.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classroom attendance policy and swipe cards; administrative drops</li> <li>• Leverage the degrees we have through reverse transfer</li> <li>• Leverage communities</li> <li>• Begin looking at apprenticeship programs</li> <li>• Legislative committee report at the Board meeting next week</li> </ul>	

<b>2. EOD TRAINING &amp; EVENTS CALENDAR</b>	<b>Forrester</b>
Currently focused on Cornerstone implementation. The date a person attends Cornerstone training does not impact the due dates already in place.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	

<b>3. CORNERSTONE UPDATE</b>	<b>Forrester</b>
See above	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	

<b>4. APPLE HARDWARE PURCHASE</b>	<b>Smith</b>
Mr. Smith provided information on this partnership, which will be an agenda item at this month's Board meeting as the cost exceeds \$50,000.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	Brenneman
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place on Board agenda</li> </ul>	

<b>5. ENROLLMENT UPDATE</b>	<b>Austin</b>
Mr. Austin provided an email update prior to the meeting. He noted students who had applied but did not enroll in the first 8-weeks received information from Communications and Marketing. 82 (5.28%) of these students subsequently enrolled in a second 8 weeks course or courses.	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	

<b>6. BRAGGING ON EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>Cabinet</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Lowery-Hart – Thanked Mr. White for filling the role of auctioneer at the Amarillo Opera Fol de Rol gala and noted what a great job he had done.</li> <li>• Dr. Clunis – Tina Babb's presentation received "Best of Class" at the Blackboard conference and she will do this presentation at the national level. Dr. Clunis will provide information to Ms. Crowley to track for AC's Aspen folder</li> <li>• Dr. Clunis – Michael Kitten is doing a fabulous job as the Dean of Technical Education. Dr. Lowery-Hart also reported that his conversation at the East Campus revealed lots of excitement for what is happening at the campus.</li> </ul>	

- Ms. Forrester – Police Chief Stephanie Birkenfeld for her management during the fire near the West Campus and for leading a meeting with Amarillo’s Chief of Police, Ed Drain.

<b>7. COMMUNICATION POINTS</b>	<b>Forrester</b>
Not covered.	

<b>8. POSITION JUSTIFICATIONS</b>	<b>Cabinet</b>
None	

<b>9. OTHER DISCUSSION</b>	<b>Cabinet</b>
<p>Next meeting will focus on ACE Amarillo.</p> <p>Cabinet discussed the Governor’s request for all employees to view a training titled <i>Be the One in the Fight Against Human Trafficking</i>. EOD will watch the video and make a recommendation.</p> <p>Mr. Smith noted interviews will take place in April to select the master planner.</p>	