

PRESIDENT'S CABINET MEETING
February 12, 2019
MINUTES

CALLED TO ORDER

9:01 am

ADJOURNED

11:15 am

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bob Austin; Kevin Ball; Cheryl Jones; Russell Lowery-Hart; Denese Skinner; Steve Smith; Mark White

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tamara Clunis; Cara Crowley; Joy Brenneman

OTHERS PRESENT

Frank Sobey; Amber Brookshire; Chris George; Shane Hepler

DISCUSSION:

1. eSports	Austin Skinner
<p>Mr. Austin gave an overview of the popularity of eSports and it's inroads into the collegiate ecosystem. In that eSports is wildly popular, has an untapped potential to recruit new students, and offers a high-profile engagement opportunity for students and fans, AC representatives have been researching how to get into the eSports arena.</p> <p>Mr. George pointed out the numerous ways that collegiate eSports supports academic success: required minimum 2.0 GPA; minimum number of credit hours to compete with some competitions requiring full-time enrollment status; civility expectations; and opportunities to earn scholarships when they transfer to a university that is also involved in collegiate eSports. Mr. George has been promoting AC's interest in forming eSports teams and there are ~70 AC students who are already on AC's Discord platform playing games together. One team of AC students will be competing this weekend in a Rocket League tournament. On March 1st at least one AC team and several individual AC students will be competing locally at the Vault in a charity fundraiser eSports event.</p> <p>The Vault gaming center is a local business that can support AC's current eSports need and has offered a very affordable proposal to support AC's eSports initiative. Ms. Brookshire stated that Student Life will provide the initial funding for the Vault in order for AC to explore the viability of the project.</p> <p>Mr. Hepler stated that the cost of setting up a computer lab with the computers needed to compete in eSports is within the scope and budget of his current computer replacement strategy. Outside corporate sponsorships are also being explored.</p> <p>Mr. Austin concluded the conversation by encouraging AC to embrace eSports an option for improving current student engagement and to increase the visibility of AC to prospective students.</p>	
<p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. George will keep Mr. Austin and Ms. Skinner updated on the progress of the eSports initiative.• Communications and Marketing will assist in marketing AC eSports.	

2. PART-TIME FACULTY EVALUATION PROCESS	Sobey
Mr. Sobey passed out a hard copy of the <i>Adjunct Faculty Performance Review</i> form for the Cabinet's review. A recent SACS external review pointed out that dual credit, adjunct, and part-time instructor evaluations have not been systematically occurring. In response, Dr. Tamara Clunis asked Becky Burton and the faculty evaluation committee to collaborate to review AC and other colleges' best practices for faculty evaluation to develop a process to evaluate the targeted instructors. Mr. Austin moved, second by Mr. Ball, to accept the process and form as proposed by Mr. Sobey. The motion carried unanimously.	
Action Items:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The finalized evaluation process will be presented to the Board of Regents as a status update at an upcoming board meeting. 	
3. BUDGET	Lowery-Hart
Not covered	
Action Items:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
4. BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S INSTITUTE	Lowery-Hart
Dr. Lowery-Hart offered an overview of the institute saying that the content of the program was exceptional. Johnny Mize and Sara Pesina were able to attend the institute with Dr. Lowery-Hart. Trustees came away with actionable ideas and a clearer picture of the challenges inherent in the culture of higher education. The trustees came back with an understanding that AC's focus has to be on teaching and learning.	
Action Items:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
5. MASTER PLAN	Lowery-Hart
NLNE meeting on Friday, February 15 th will provide an overview of the AC master plan, which will guide the future of infrastructure improvements at AC.	
Action Items:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
6. TWC GRANT	White
Mr. White submitted a written request for approval to submit a Skills Development Funds Grant proposal for Owens Corning. The grant, in the estimated amount of \$850,000, is funded by Texas Workforce Commission and will cover an 18-month period. Mr. Smith moved, second by Mr. Austin, to approve the grant proposal as outlined. The motion carried unanimously.	
Action Items:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
7. YOUR BIGGEST ISSUE	Cabinet
Not covered	
Action Items:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	

8. ENROLLMENT UPDATE	Austin
Not covered	
Action Items:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
9. BRAGGING ON EMPLOYEES	Cabinet
Not covered	
Action Items:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
10. COMMUNICATION POINTS	
None	
11. POSITION JUSTIFICATIONS	Cabinet
None	
12. OTHER DISCUSSION	Cabinet
None	