

PRESIDENT'S CABINET MEETING
January 26, 2021
MINUTES

CALLED TO ORDER

9:01am

ADJOURNED

11:05am

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bob Austin; Kevin Ball; Tamara Clunis; Cara Crowley; Russell Lowery-Hart; Joe Bill Sherrod;
Chris Sharp; Denese Skinner, Mark White

MEMBERS ABSENT

Cheryl Jones

OTHERS PRESENT

Danny Smith

DISCUSSION:

1. BOND RENOVATION/BUILDING PROJECT TIMELINE	Sharp Smith
<p>All the projects in Mr. Smith's spreadsheet highlighted yellow are currently in the construction or design phase. These projects will last through May 2023. The top five projects are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Innovation Hub, which will start construction in March or April with an estimated completion timeline of 12 to 13 months.• SSC Hub (former Russell Hall), will start construction this summer with an estimated completion timeline of Jan. 2023.• HVAC Tier 1 project• Carter Fitness Center• First Responder's Center <p>In addition, the Art Department will relocate from Russell Hall to the basement of the CUB prior to the beginning of construction of the SSC HUB.</p>	
<p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Smith will bring an architectural plan for Russell Hall – the new SSC Hub. Ms. Brenneman will schedule a meeting for Dr. Lowery-Hart, Ms. Crowley, Mr. Sharp, and Mr. Smith to meet to discuss the Food Pantry relocation.	
2. GENERAL ASSEMBLY	Lowery-Hart
<p>General Assembly will be this Friday from 2:00 – 4:00pm. The college will close all campuses at 2:00pm and employees are requested to stay on-campus to view the virtual general assembly.</p>	
<p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Ball will send out signage to campus departments for posting to close the campus this Friday, beginning at 2:00pm.	

3. ReD ASSOCIATES	Crowley
Ms. Crowley discussed the February 5-24, 2021 ReD Associates virtual visit on behalf of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. They will be talking to AC Cabinet members, faculty, and staff about transformational change and leadership.	
Action Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Crowley will set up interview schedules with the determined list of employees selected by President's Cabinet in collaboration with ReD Associates. 	
4. ITHAKA SURVEY RESULTS	Lowery-Hart
Ms. Crowley distributed the Fall 2020 faculty and student Ithaka surveys to cabinet yesterday and asked that they review them. These surveys, plus a student survey currently being developed by Mr. Collin Witherspoon, Ms. Becky Burton, and Mr. Frank Sobey, will be used to assist the leadership with developing a plan of action for AC post-COVID.	
Action Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None. 	
5. BOARD AGENDA	Lowery-Hart
Tonight is the Board of Regents meeting. The board will tour the Innovation Hub and host their January meeting in the Downtown Campus auditorium.	
Action Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None. 	
6. OTHER DISCUSSION	Cabinet
Dr. Lowery-Hart discussed that the Texas House and Texas Senate have released their new budgets for the next biennium and they are identical. No decision has been made on the budgets though. Until then, AC will proceed with their FY2022 budget plans.	
The US Department of Education has verified AC's CRRSA distribution. AC will receive an estimated \$10.7M. However, \$2M of these funds are already allocated to balance the FY2021 budget. Dr. Lowery-Hart is requesting AC to develop a plan to use the remaining funds to support the No Excuses 2025 strategic plan in these three areas: technology acquisition and transfer; economic development; and, equity.	
Action Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None. 	