

**PRESIDENT'S CABINET MEETING**  
**November 3, 2020**  
**MINUTES**

**CALLED TO ORDER**

9:05 a.m.

**ADJOURNED**

10:03 pm.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Joy Brenneman

**DISCUSSION:**

<b>1. THE CURRENT AND AC POLICE</b>	<b>Acker</b>
<p>AC Police Chief Scott Acker came to express the concerns of the police department over a photo in the most recent <i>AC Current</i> publication. The photo depicts a pig dressed in a police uniform and the acronym "ACAB" in the corner. This acronym is derogatory towards the police. The ACPD has been working hard to build relationships with employees and students and felt this was a setback of all their hard work. It could have the effect of diminishing the enthusiasm of the police officers to continue their relationship building on campus. They do understand the freedom of speech issues involved but wondered if something can be done. Chief Acker is encouraging his officers to continue with what they have been doing.</p> <p>Dr. Lowery-Hart expressed the appreciation of Cabinet and the campus as a whole for the work Chief Acker and his officers have done. It was noted that this was probably not directed at the ACPD specifically but towards the greater issues in the country. The student staff who were in charge of this edition are most likely no longer at AC. The <i>AC Current</i> was being produced at the start of the protests and Black Lives Matter movement in America. As a college, this could be an opportunity to educate and train students to be more thoughtful in what they print and to consider the effects and consequences. This could foster discussions about respect, dignity, and kindness along with the freedom of speech.</p>	
<p><b>Action Items:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Clunis and Mr. Sharp will facilitate a conversation between the AC Police and this year's staff, and advisors, for student publications.</li></ul>	
<b>2. HIRING PAUSE – STUDENT WORKERS</b>	<b>Skinner Jones</b>
<p>Cabinet discussed the role of student workers who might be able to fill in where positions may not be replaced. Additionally, this provides financial aid/income for the student. There has been no negative feedback on the announcement last week that the college has paused hiring, but communication should be on-going.</p>	
<p><b>Action Items:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cabinet agreed the hiring pause does not apply to student workers.</li></ul>	

3. OTHER DISCUSSION	Cabinet
<p>Mr. Sharp will provide a budget framework at a Cabinet meeting later this month. As Cabinet works through the budget process, updates should be provided to the Board during Status Updates.</p> <p>Cabinet discussed the increasing number of COVID cases in the community. For now, the college will continue with its current plan but noted that additional conversations may need to take place if AISD decides to return to remote learning.</p>	
<p><b>Action Items:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	