

PRESIDENT'S CABINET MEETING
July 20, 2021
MINUTES

CALLED TO ORDER

9:07 a.m.

ADJOURNED

10:37 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

Joy Brenneman

DISCUSSION:

1. BOARD BUDGET WORKSHOP	Cabinet
<p>Dr. Lowery-Hart reviewed the agenda for the Board Budget Workshop to be held at the Botanical Gardens and stressed the importance of staying within the timelines. If time allows, attendees may get to tour the gardens.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• White – overview of Board policy covered at the Board orientation• Witherspoon – touch on just a few data points• Smith – brief bond update noting the projects that will be prioritized in order to begin fundraising. Explain the necessity to pause some projects due to COVID and an increase in cost of the supply chain.• Jones – compensation study – note that faculty are all at or over market, adjuncts are not, market adjustments have been made for approximately 200 employees• Austin – enrollment update• Sherrod – 5-minute update on comprehensive campaign. He will talk about plans for 3 Fall events with prospective donors, total to date which includes the \$15M gift from MacKenzie Scott, and a total amount for Cabinet gifts.• White – 5-minutes for athletics update noting that the proposed budget is solid.• Lowery-Hart and Clunis – discuss No Excuses, Innovation Outpost, use of Scott funds to launch cloud computing and coding in the Fall, Deep Dive and Todd McLees contracts (will provide teaching for the computing and coding programs), and the CARES priority plan <p>NOTE: The cloud computing and coding courses will be CE courses but 21 hours may be cross-walked back to academic credit.</p> <p>Cabinet discussed the announcement for the launch of the Earn & Learn programs and using a portion of the Scott gift for this, with the remaining \$13M or more put into an endowment. Mr. Sherrod asked that Alex O'Brien be included in the announcement.</p>	
<p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ask McLees about a different CE registration program for the Earn & Learn programs separate from what AC currently uses for all CE registrations.	

2. PRE-MORTEM FOR EARN & LEARN	Clunis
<p>Cabinet discussed the pre-mortem Dr. Lowery-Hart had provided. It was noted that some changes will occur with the departure of Reagan Hales. The CEO Council may need to be reimagined. One of the main concerns is that employer and/or student would not have a good experience. The difference in interns and earn and learn students must be understood so that both benefit from the program. Faculty development for these faculty has not yet started.</p> <p>Cloud Computing and the Coding Academy will be the first real earn and learn launch and structured attempt at this. Taylor Bingham will work to schedule interviews with employers once students complete the programs. Soft skills and work ethic will be embedded in the pre-apprenticeship curriculum and within the whole curriculum.</p>	
<p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. 	
3. HEAL THE CITY UPDATE	Skinner
<p>Ms. Skinner met with Heal the City and presented an update on AC's partnership with them. The college pays \$30,000/year and received about \$72,000 in services which include psychiatry visits, prescription medications, and social services. 47 students reached out and were served. Students who receive the services must continue their counseling sessions with Amarillo College counselors. Some dental and vision services may be available in the future. AC's contract was for 100 students and 50 used the services during COVID. It will be marketed to faculty so that they will be aware and can direct students to this service. Heal the City is committed to continue this partnership with Amarillo College and would like to use Amarillo College as an example with their funders. Cabinet agreed with this.</p>	
<p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. 	
4. COUNCILS & COMMITTEES	Clunis
<p>Move to a later Cabinet agenda.</p>	
<p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. 	
5. OTHER	Cabinet
<p>Dr. Lowery-Hart will be on vacation next week but asked that the COVID Task Force meet to discuss the new Delta variant and steps that may need to be taken. It is in Amarillo but is not exploding as it is in other locations. The task force will need to discuss how or when to re-instate safety protocols if necessary.</p> <p>There will be another pop-up clinic at AC the first week of school.</p> <p>Dr. Lowery-Hart will hold a Town Hall this Friday and discuss COVID, enrollment, the Board Budget Retreat, and his compensation.</p>	
<p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. 	