

VPAA Council
Minutes – January 20, 2022
WCS-CUB 208, Badger Corner
1:30 pm

The regular meeting of the VPAA Council was held on Thursday, January 20, 2022 in CUB 208-Badger Corner, Washington Street Campus of Amarillo College, Amarillo, TX 79109.

Members Present: Sharee Bailey, Kim Boyd, Becky Burton, Edie Carter, Adrine Harrell-Carter, Tamara Clunis, Kim Crowley, Becky Easton, Daniel Esquivel, Toni Gray, David Hall, Michelle Lamons, Linda Muñoz, Lori Petty, Frank Sobey, Renee Vincent, Barbara Wahi

Others Present: None

Members Absent: Tina Babb, Jeannie George

Dr. Tamara Clunis called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

I. VPAA Council – Purpose & Goals

Dr. Clunis discussed the purpose and goals of VPAA Council going forward related to the new strategic plan.

II. Division/Department Meetings

Each division spoke briefly about successes, upcoming initiatives, issues or concerns their department may have or had encountered.

III. 2023 Budget Cycle

Dr. Clunis informed the group of an upcoming purchase of property at an estimated cost of \$5 million. The property is located on the northeast corner of Interstate 40 and Washington Street, which is currently being used by House of Furniture and may be used to move some of the East Campus programs closer to the Washington Street Campus.

She also discussed plans to hire a Budget Specialist to interface with the Business Office on the current 182 budgets. For the next budget cycle, we are starting with a flat budget, but there may be a possibility where departments will have to look for places to cut the budget.

IV. Merit Award

Dr. Clunis stated there is a merit pool for FT faculty performance based on last year's evaluations. She asked deans to submit their list of candidates to her no later than noon on Monday, January 24th. Between tier 1 and tier 2 options, academic affairs has approximately 92 merit options.

V. Earn & Learn

The Council heard a presentation from Barbara Wahi on the Earn & Learn project that will be offered through Amarillo College. Members moved to breakout groups for further discussion.

VI Adjournment

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.