

PRESIDENT'S CABINET MEETING
January 23, 2024
MINUTES

CALLED TO ORDER

9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNED

11:10 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Frank Sobey, and Collin Witherspoon
Carolyn Leslie – Recorder

DISCUSSION:

1. HB 8 PRESENTATIONS	Witherspoon/Clunis
<p>Dr. Clunis went over the House Bill 8 presentation with Cabinet that she will present at General Assembly scheduled for Friday, February 2, 2024. The purpose of the presentation is to make Amarillo College faculty and staff aware of the significance of the unprecedented legislation that was passed in the last legislative session regarding funding for Texas Community Colleges. The new model launched for higher education funding is based 100 percent on student outcomes. Amarillo College has already benefitted from the changes and will receive 5.6 million dollars for the biennium based on outcomes. Cabinet discussed how this money has been budgeted for salary adjustments, the rising cost of living, and the replacement of COVID money received in previous budget years.</p> <p>Collin Witherspoon reviewed his presentation for General Assembly with Cabinet. He will present information on the funding rate and points as well as explain what outcomes funding means. Mr. Witherspoon will also present the Amarillo College report card which provides faculty and staff data on retention, transfer and labor market outcomes.</p>	
<p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Clunis and Mr. Witherspoon will revise their presentations as suggested by cabinet and present them to Amarillo College Faculty and Staff at General Assembly on February 2, 2024.	

2. COMPLIANCE AND EXCEPTION CROSSWALK FOR SB17	Sobey
<p>Dr. Sobey received feedback from Cabinet on suggested changes for the compliance and exception crosswalk for SB17 he presented to Cabinet on January 16, 2024. Dr. Sobey prepared a google form that matches the rubric in the crosswalk. The individual or group planning an event at Amarillo College will answer a series of questions on the form that pertain to compliance of SB 17. The form will be routed to the individual or group's Cabinet member for approval and sent on to Dr. Sobey for archiving. This form was emailed to Cabinet members Tuesday, January 23, 2024 for review. Dr. Sobey would like to work with Cheryl</p>	

Jones and Dr. Clunis on how employees will be trained to complete the compliance form for SB 17. Cabinet will discuss further before training procedures are finalized.
Action Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Sobey would like to work with Cheryl Jones and Dr. Clunis on the development of training for employees as to how to complete and submit the compliance form.

3. TEXAS PANHANDLE CENTER BUILDING PURCHASES	Sharp
Chris Sharp was contacted by the Texas Panhandle Center in Amarillo to inquire if Amarillo College was interested in purchasing the TPC buildings located at 1501 South Polk. Denese Skinner and Mark White presented this opportunity to the Executive Committee and discussed their feedback with cabinet. After much discussion, cabinet voted unanimously to not pursue the purchase of the property at this time as it would not be in the best interest of the College.	
Action Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chris Sharp will contact Texas Panhandle Center to let them know of the college's decision to not purchase the property. 	

4. BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS	Skinner/Sherrod
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Advocate Program – Denese Skinner and Joe Bill Sherrod visited with Board of Regent Chair, Anette Carlisle, concerning the need and possibility of communicating to larger groups of people the details of what Amarillo College is doing. ➤ Newspaper Articles – Ms. Skinner and Mr. Sherrod discussed asking Board of Regents members if they are interested in submitting an editorial to the newspaper periodically. Dr. Clunis suggested writing an article on Amarillo College's positioning for the Talent Strong Texas initiative. 	

5. OTHER DISCUSSION	Cabinet
Cabinet discussed merit distribution for Amarillo College employees. Cabinet will resume discussion at the next scheduled cabinet meeting and will make a decision at that time.	