

PRESIDENT'S CABINET MEETING

January 30, 2024

MINUTES

CALLED TO ORDER

9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNED

11:15 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chris Sharp

OTHERS PRESENT

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

DISCUSSION:

1. THRIVE	Witherspoon/Skinner
Denese Skinner discussed with cabinet the desire of some entities, currently participating as sponsors of the Thrive program, to make some changes to the program. Cabinet discussed the possibility of adding schools to the program to receive THRIVE assistance when eligible graduates attend Amarillo College. Collin Witherspoon showed data on the current cost of the THRIVE program. Funding was discussed as to the increased cost with adding additional schools. Student testimonials were given as to the positive effect THRIVE has had on eligible AISD graduates who attend Amarillo College.	
Action Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Skinner will visit with Chris Sharp as to the funding of Thrive with an increase in schools participating.• Kevin Ball will send cabinet members the brochure that College Relations has developed to promote the Thrive program.	
2. Q12 HEAT MAP	Jones
Cheryl Jones presented results of the Q12 survey to cabinet in preparation for the Leadership Training scheduled for Thursday, February 1, 2024, with Gallup, and the presentation of Gallup keynote speaker, Chassity Wickware, at General Assembly scheduled for February 2, 2024. Cabinet members will encourage their Deans and Directors to develop a plan of action with their departments on how to improve one or two areas of the Q12 for the ultimate goal of employee engagement and student success.	
Action Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cheryl Jones and Will Ratliff will conduct rounding meetings to visit with team leaders for the purpose of giving support and assistance in the leaders' work with their teams' Q12 results and action planning.• The College plans to administer the Gallup Accountability Index survey in May of 2024 to ask follow up questions to employees about the engagement conversations and follow up activities in their departments.	

3. BLINN COLLEGE	Skinner
Cabinet discussed the Blinn College model for students desiring to attend Texas A&M University. Students who are not accepted into Texas A&M can be accepted into Blinn College with the possibility of co-enrolling at Texas A&M. This provides the experience of attending Texas A&M, but paying lower tuition and receiving the benefit of a small college at Blinn. The question of whether this same model would work for Amarillo College and West Texas A&M University was discussed. Students can currently be enrolled in Amarillo College and West Texas A&M University. Amarillo College has agreements with WT so students can receive financial aid to help with costs.	
Action Items:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Skinner will discuss with the Executive Committee. 	

4. TACC SHARED SERVICES	Skinner
This discussion was postponed due to time restraints.	

5. OTHER DISCUSSION	Cabinet
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Amarillo College General Assembly is scheduled for Friday, February 2, 2024. Cheryl Jones will introduce Gallup keynote speaker, Chassity Wickware. ➤ The first Badger Baseball game is scheduled for Saturday, February 3, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. at Hodgetown. ➤ Education Credit Union will have a Meet and Greet for Matt Morgan on February 7, 2024 from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. ➤ Love Our Donors Cocktail time is scheduled for February 7, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the Amarillo College, College Union Building, second floor. 	