

PRESIDENT'S CABINET MEETING
October 24, 2023
MINUTES

CALLED TO ORDER

9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNED

10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chris Sharp

OTHERS PRESENT

Shane Hepler, Garrett Eggleston, and Shon Wagner
Carolyn Leslie – Recorder

DISCUSSION:

1. UPGRADES TO BOARD ROOM	Hepler/Eggleston/ Wagner
<p>Cara Crowley, Dr. Lowery-Hart, and Board Chair, Anette Carlisle, met in the spring to discuss the frustrations that the Board of Regents members were having not being able to hear the discussions and presentations at the monthly meetings. Shane Hepler and Shon Wagner from IT and Garrett Eggleston from College Relations discussed the possibilities and hindrances of installing microphones in the board room to help with the problem of not being able to hear. Various options with wired mics, wireless mics and digital mics were discussed. A camera placed in the room for the purpose of the live stream was also discussed.</p> <p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Shane Hepler and Shon Wagner will research the best options for microphones to be used during the board meetings to provide the best sound for the board members to hear discussions, presentations, and audience comments. Consideration will also be given to finding something that will do the least amount of damage to the board table when installed. Mr. Hepler and Mr. Wagner will report their findings to the cabinet before proceeding with making changes to the boardroom.	
2. OTHER DISCUSSION	Cabinet
<p>Cara Crowley led a discussion on the employee overseas trip scheduled for May 11, 2024 through May 18, 2024. Ms. Crowley emailed a list prior to the cabinet meeting of employees who applied for the trip. Monica Clark, Deputy Director of the Belk Center, will make trip accommodations and lead the group. The cabinet would like topics such as cultural preparation, physical requirements, and refund and cancellation policies to be presented to the group before the trip begins in May 2024. The value of having an Amarillo College police officer and two cabinet members included on the trip was also discussed.</p>	

Action Items:

- Cara Crowley will contact Monica Clark and discuss the preferred destination of the trip as well as providing informative travel preparation meetings discussed by cabinet.
- Further discussion will be done as to an AC police officer traveling with the group. Chris Sharp will be asked if he would like to go on the trip. Cabinet members, who will be traveling, will be finalized.

Kevin Ball gave an update on the Ukraine Sister City program. This program was started during Mayor Ginger Nelson's time in office. Dr. Lowery-Hart also had an interest in Amarillo College being part of this program. Current Amarillo mayor, Cole Stanley, visited with Mr. Ball about the program when he visited the PBS station. The original intent of the Ukraine Sister City program was for cultural exchange. Mr. Ball would like to use PBS for this and eventually make a television show. He would like to speak with Glenda Moore, Director of Kind Ukraine Bakery, to see what the group involved with the Sister City program would like to accomplish. Amarillo College and PBS would help the Ukraine Sister City Program to be more involved culturally rather than politically. Mayor Stanley also expressed an interest in attending a cabinet meeting to meet and visit with the members.

Action Items:

- Kevin Ball will speak with Glenda Moore, Director of Kind Ukraine Bakery, to see what the group involved with the Sister City Program would like to accomplish, then report back to the cabinet as to the feedback he receives.

Mark White reported that Amarillo College Baseball Team Shortstop, Jan Avila, committed to playing for Rutgers University. Avila is originally from Puerto Rico and is Amarillo College's first athlete to attend a D1 University.

Dr. Tamara Clunis and Dr. Adrine Harrell-Carter will be visiting Rice University soon for the purpose of gathering information on the university's student run business model. This trip relates to the Aspen Prize grant awarded to Dr. Harrell-Carter.

Action Items:

- Dr. Clunis will report her findings to the cabinet.