

**PRESIDENT'S CABINET MEETING**  
**April 9, 2024**  
**MINUTES**

**CALLED TO ORDER**

9:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNED**

11:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mark White, Bob Austin, Chris Sharp, Denese Skinner, Dr. Frank Sobey, Joe Bill Sherrod, Dr. Tamara Clunis, and Cheryl Jones

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Kevin Ball

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Carolyn Leslie – Recorder

**DISCUSSION:**

<b>1. TEXAS STATEWIDE COURSE SHARING EXCHANGE</b>	<b>Austin</b>
Amarillo College was one of a few Texas Community Colleges to participate in a digital course sharing initiated by the Texas Education Coordinating Board. Bob Austin requested that Cabinet consider whether to continue with the pilot program. Mr. Austin recommended that Amarillo College not continue in the pilot program after current obligations have ended on May 31, 2024.	
<b>Action Items:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cabinet agreed to terminate participation in the Texas Statewide Course Sharing Exchange on May 31, 2024.</li></ul>	
<b>2. KIDS INC. BASEBALL FIELD</b>	<b>White</b>
Mark White updated the Cabinet on the status of Amarillo College using a baseball field at the Rockrose Sports Complex. Kids Inc. will contact Mr. White when more details are available.	
<b>Action Items:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mr. White will give an update of plans and cost to Cabinet when available.</li></ul>	
<b>3. TUITION AND FEES DISCUSSION</b>	<b>Sharp</b>
Chris Sharp gave Cabinet a handout of historic information on tuition and fees for Amarillo College. Cabinet discussed how the college has not raised tuition and fees since 2017, and is currently in the bottom third in the State of Texas for these costs.	
<b>Action Items:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No action was taken.</li></ul>	
<b>4. FIRST BANK SOUTHWEST EVENT</b>	<b>Skinner</b>
A Crawfish Boil is scheduled for May 16, 2024 at First Bank Southwest from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	
<b>Action Items:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Denese Skinner requested Cabinet members to put this event on their calendars.</li></ul>	

<b>5. ONLINE COURSE OFFERENGES</b>	<b>Skinner</b>
Cabinet discussed online courses and programs offered at Amarillo College. Amarillo College participates in RNEC (Rural Nursing Education Consortium) to provide hybrid learning for students where they live. Cabinet also discussed the success of the ASCO program, which gives students on the job training in the morning and allows them to work in the afternoon. Both programs are innovative for Amarillo College, and meet a need in workforce development.	
<b>Action Items:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Frank Sobey and Dr. Tamara Clunis will meet with the Executive Committee to give updates on the effectiveness of new programs at Amarillo College.</li> </ul>	
<b>6. WHY MEN STOP OUT OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES</b>	<b>Skinner</b>
Denese Skinner reported data indicating that since Covid there has been a 10 percent reduction of men completing community college programs and a 10 percent increase in women's completion numbers. Cabinet discussed how the ASCO model has had positive results for male students who are enrolled. In this model, employees receive training from Amarillo College in the morning, and work for the company in the afternoon.	
<b>Action Items:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Frank Sobey will put this item on a Board of Regents Meeting Status Update for discussion with the Cabinet and Board of Regents.</li> </ul>	
<b>7. OTHER DISCUSSION</b>	<b>Cabinet</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Cabinet will interview presidential finalist, Dr. Laura Boyer, Tuesday, April 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Palo Duro room.</li> <li>➤ Cabinet will interview presidential finalist, Dr. Andy Bowne, Thursday, April 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Palo Duro room.</li> </ul>	
<b>Action Items:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No action was taken.</li> </ul>	