

PRESIDENT'S CABINET MEETING

April 22, 2025

MINUTES

CALLED TO ORDER

8:06 am

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9:48 am

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bob Austin, Kevin Ball, Dr. Jamelle Conner, Chris Sharp, Denese Skinner, Joe Bill Sherrod, Dr. Frank Sobey, Mark White

MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

Ally Greenwood, Executive Assistant, recorder

DISCUSSION:

1. DEI TRAINING IN TOVUTI	SKINNER
Ms. Skinner provided an update on an identified DEI Training in Tovuti. She informed Cabinet that the DEI training is not a required training at the college, but rather part of the platform's bundled offerings. After discussion, Cabinet agreed that although the training is optional, the training should be removed from the system.	
Action Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ms. Skinner will ask Ms. Coats to take the training down.	
2. S00370 COLLEGE UNION BUILDING	SHARP
Mr. Sharp discussed the naming of the Amarillo National Bank College Union Building on Washington Street Campus. He noted that a vintage-style sign, similar to the one on Polk Street, was initially planned for installation at the corner near the clocktower. The sign, designed and built by Skyrte, was completed but weighed over 5,000 pounds, which exceeds the structural capacity of the building. As a result, the sign could not be mounted as originally planned. The company designed an alternative option that Mr. Sharp presented to the Cabinet.	
Cabinet reviewed the proposal and expressed concerns, ultimately concluding that a conversation needs to be had with the company to see why the weight issue was not accounted for in the design and how it can be resolved to allow the original plan to move forward.	
Action Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mr. Sharp will ask the sign company and the architects to figure out a solution.	
3. 175K MACKENZIE SCOTT FUNDS FOR SIM LAB	SHARP
Mr. Sharp provided an update on the West Campus simulation building renovation. While the Simulation Lab equipment is being funded through the Perkins grant and some foundation support, there is an additional \$175,000 needed for cabling. With bond funds committed elsewhere, Ms. Burton approached Mr. Sherrod, who proposed using interest earned from the Mackenzie Scott funds. A presentation was made to the Foundation Board, but a quorum was lost before a vote. It was later realized that Cabinet approval was required first; therefore, Mr. Sharp is seeking approval for the cabling from Cabinet.	

Ms. Skinner requested to review the historical agreement surrounding the Mackenzie Scott funds and the need to bring Dr. Conner up to speed before proceeding. While there was Cabinet agreement on the urgency to get Mr. Sharp an answer on funding, there was also a consensus that the college must reestablish clarity on the process and alignment on how these unrestricted funds should be used.

Dr. Conner agreed to delay the decision until she could be fully briefed.

Action Items:

- Ms. Greenwood will book Ms. Skinner with Dr. Conner when she returns from her trip to discuss.
- Cabinet will meet soon to discuss this topic; Ms. Greenwood will schedule the meeting

4. Other Discussion East Campus Mandatory Training Furniture Table Sponsorships	CABINET
<p>Mr. Sharp gave an update on the signs at East campus. They are wanting to put a sign at the old guard shack. Mr. Sharp is meeting with the assistant city manager tomorrow to discuss.</p> <p>Dr. Conner reminded Cabinet that there is mandatory training due.</p> <p>Mr. Sharp discussed that the furniture for the Ware building is in.</p> <p>Cabinet followed up on the need to centralize a list of table sponsorships. Ms. Greenwood shared that she is working with Ms. Arce to get a list compiled for Cabinet's review.</p> <p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Sharp will get back to Cabinet about what he finds out regarding the sign at the old guard shack.• Ms. Greenwood will provide an updated Table Sponsorship to Cabinet for review.	