

PRESIDENT'S CABINET MEETING
September 27, 2022
MINUTES

CALLED TO ORDER

9:03 am

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11:15 am

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bob Austin; Kevin Ball; Tamara Clunis; Cara Crowley; Russell Lowery-Hart; Chris Sharp; Joe Bill Sherrod; Denese Skinner; Mark White

MEMBERS ABSENT

Cheryl Jones

OTHERS PRESENT

Will Ratliff; Toni Van Dyke; Collin Witherspoon

DISCUSSION:

1. CREDIT ACCUMULATION AND GENERAL EDUCATION	Witherspoon
<p>Mr. Witherspoon presented data related to general education students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full-time students complete at a higher rate; 80% if full-time in their first year• 63% of black student are part-time and only 10% complete with a degree• Minority students struggle to obtain credits within their first year• Encouraging students toward full-time enrollment is critical <p>Full-time enrollment is 12 hours/semester and 6 hours in the summer. Cabinet discussed the length of summer course offerings.</p> <p>General Studies students make up less than 10% of AC students and are generally full-time. Half are not PELL eligible, most are female, and most are first time in college. The retention rate for general studies students is 70-75%. Approximately 20% of them change to another major. Students who are non-degree seeing or undecided are put into the General Studies program until they select a major.</p>	
<p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Witherspoon will pull data on how many students are enrolled in 15 hours or more per semester.• Mr. Witherspoon will pull data on students enrolling in summer courses.• All summer courses will move to the eight-week course model.	
2. FOODS TRUCKS IN THE MALL AREA	Skinner
<p>Cabinet discussed locations for food trucks to park other than the Oeschger Mall to avoid further damage to that area. 24th Street was suggested.</p>	
<p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None	

3. DIFFERENTIAL TUITION	Lowery-Hart
Dr. Lowery-Hart had requested Cabinet input regarding differential tuition. After discussion, it was decided the Amarillo College would not do differential tuition but current fees would be reviewed.	
Action Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Clunis and Mr. Sharp will review current fees 	
4. Finance Commission Recommendations	Lowery-Hart
Dr. Lowery-Hart reported that there will be \$650M in additional funding for community colleges, distributed in 2023, if approved by the legislature. The vote is scheduled for October 18, 2022, and the coordinating Board is seeking public comments.	
Action Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
5. STEM TRAILER POST FUNDING	Lowery-Hart
Dr. Clunis will sit on the next webinar and then decide if Amarillo College will apply.	
Action Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
6. ANTI-RACISM MEETING	Cabinet
Will Ratliff discussed these meetings and who might be invited to attend. There will be four focus groups with no more than 12 participants in each group.	
Action Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Lowery-Hart will provide a guide at next week's meeting. 	
7. Other Discussion	Cabinet
Cabinet thanked Dr. Clunis for her hard work on the SACSCOC accreditation. AC completed its ten-year accreditation on September 22, 2022. The college received a perfect score with zero recommendations for its compliance with the 72 standards under rehere view. Dr. Clunis stated that it was a team effort by the entire college.	
Faculty Senate has created a legislative committee at the request of Dr. Lowery-Hart. Additionally, two faculty members will attend one or two sessions in Austin, Texas with Dr. Lowery-Hart.	
Burgers with Badges will be tomorrow from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm and is a cash only event.	
Action Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	