To: President's Cabinet

From: Denise M. Trauth

Subject: President's Cabinet Meeting

Minutes, January 6, 2014

#### **Strahan Coliseum Expansion (#698)**

Mr. Albert Ray and Mr. Mark Bodien from Moody Nolan Architects as well as Mr. Juan Guerra and Mr. Michael Petty reviewed options prepared by Moody Nolan Architects for the expansion of Strahan Coliseum. This plan includes seating expansion for commencement usage to 10,000-12,000, as well other improvements to address athletics program needs. Three primary alternatives were presented for further consideration -- a Proscenium concept, an Arena Ring concept, and a Proscenium All-In concept.

RTA 1/27/14 Review the recently completed Strahan Coliseum Feasibility Study, and consider potential retail and other income opportunities as well as plans for including this project on the May 2014 CIP update.

### Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR) (#607)

Mr. Nance shared a proposed timeline prepared by Mr. Gordon Thyberg for possible Exceptional Items to be included in Texas State's Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR) for FY 2016 and 2017. Cabinet members agreed that we will invite proposals for specific projects based on the Provost's recommendations. Mr. Nance agreed to provide a list of the \$19M in new special items authorized by the 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislature. System Deputy Vice Chancellor for Finance Daniel Harper suggested we include at least one high profile new requested item; however he noted that System Office staff members are beginning their discussions of the LAR preparation process during the week of January 6, 2014, and more guidance should be available soon. Cabinet members agreed that the proposed calendar is acceptable.

## RTA 2/4/14 Discuss work on preparations of LAR for FY 2016 and 2017.

#### **University Anti-Discrimination Policy (#611)**

Dr. Smith shared additional thoughts on the inclusion of gender identity and gender expression in Texas State's non-discrimination statement. Cabinet members offered several suggestions on a draft statement provided by Dr. Smith.

RTA 1/27/14 Continue discussion of proposed pen and ink change to Texas State's antidiscrimination statement.

### **Development Update (#588)**

Dr. Breier commented on reports for September-November 2013, and indicated that December 2013, was also a very good month for fund raising. She shared comparative data for the past three years, noting that gifts have increased during this period.

#### President's Update (#556)

President Trauth had no new items.

# Significant Issues (#01)

Mr. Nance shared information on ERCOT's new energy conservation request.

Dr. Smith reported that retention staff offices have moved into their new offices in the Alumni House building.

Dr. Gratz distributed an e-mail from the Round Rock Chamber of Commerce regarding South University's plans for course and program offerings in Round Rock.

### **Spring Registration (#38)**

Provost Bourgeois noted that registration for Spring 2014, has now reopened and we have disbursed 9.6 percent more in scholarship dollars for Spring 2014, over last year.

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