

To: President's Cabinet
From: Denise M. Trauth
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Student Protest Handbook (#756)

Dr. Smith continued the discussion and review of the draft of the proposed University Rules for Student Demonstrations and Protests. Dr. Smith reported that she sought feedback from faculty, including Dr. Scott Bowman, Special Assistant to the Provost for Diversity and Inclusion and associate professor in the School of Criminal Justice, and Dr. Louie Valencia, assistant professor in the Department of History. The proposed rules will be an attachment to the proposed Demonstrations at the University policy. Cabinet members made suggestions. Dr. Smith will incorporate their suggestions and send the revised rules electronically to Cabinet members for further review.

RTA: 07/23/2019 Continue discussion and review of the draft of the proposed student protest handbook.

Demonstration Policy (#755)

Dr. Smith continued the discussion and review of the draft of the proposed Demonstrations at the University policy. Dr. Smith stated that the draft policy comports with Texas Senate Bill 18 (relating to the protection of expressive activities at public institutions of higher education) and the Texas State University System (TSUS) Board of Regents Rules. Cabinet members provided suggestions, and Dr. Smith will integrate their suggestions and ask Vice Chancellor and TSUS General Counsel Fernando Gomez to review the revised version.

RTA: 7/23/2019 Continue discussion regarding the new Demonstration Policy.

President's Update (#556)

President Trauth summarized her most recent trips to Hong Kong and Tokyo with a delegation from Texas State. While in Hong Kong, President Trauth addressed the American Chamber of Commerce Hong Kong, hosted an alumni reception, and met with Texas State alumnus and Hero Brian Wong, who has established many scholarships at Texas State. While in Tokyo, President Trauth met with leaders of the NEC Corporation, visited with Mr. Gregory Aurit with the U. S. Embassy, met with Rikkyo University President Yangchoon Kwak, signed a new MOU, and hosted an alumni reception.

President Trauth shared her upcoming travels plans to Washington, D. C.

Significant Issues (#01)

Provost Bourgeois distributed the Bobcat Online Scholarship System Timeline for 2020-2021.

Provost Bourgeois provided a preliminary update of research expenditures for the third quarter.

Provost Bourgeois reported that funding from the state for TEXAS Grant awards increased by more than 14 percent. Provost Bourgeois surmised that the increased funds will be significant in supporting returning students, thereby improving overall retention.

Dr. Shannon Weigum provided an update on her presidential fellow project on supporting innovation and entrepreneurship at Texas State.

Mr. Algoe provided an update on the public-private partnership student housing project.

Mr. Pierce reported that while at a recent technology conference, he attended several sessions on e-sports. Mr. Pierce shared that the popularity of varsity e-sports is on the rise. Dr. Smith volunteered to convene a working group to discuss the feasibility of supporting e-sports at the university.

Dr. Smith announced that the Division of Student Affairs will be hosting a welcome event on the Round Rock Campus on September 4, 2019. President Trauth discussed hosting a Cabinet meeting and Round Rock Convocation on the Round Rock Campus on the same day.

Dr. Lloyd led a brief discussion about reorganization of the administrative structure on the Round Rock Campus. Cabinet members agreed that the next step in informing the reorganization of events will be for the Cabinet to meet with the Academic Deans.

Dr. Lloyd distributed a two-page handout summarizing Texas State University's Action Plan to strengthen its capacity to build a diverse and inclusive environment.

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