To: President's Cabinet

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## Commencement (#143)

Provost Bourgeois and guest, Dr. Vedaraman Sriraman, discussed transportation issues related to upcoming commencement ceremonies. As of July 10, 2019, 1,989 students have applied for summer 2019 graduation; each ceremony is expected to honor between 421 and 462 students. President Trauth announced that, at the 10 a.m., commencement ceremony, Mr. Mark Updegrove will give the address and Texas Representative Erin Zwiener and Texas State University System Regents Garry Crain and Don Flores will be in attendance.

# **Tailgating Committee (#759)**

Dr. Teis and guest, Mr. Don Coryell, provided an update from the 2019 Tailgate Committee preseason meetings. The major topics discussed were: Tailgate Central; delegation of duties across divisions; and identification of grassy areas for tailgating.

# **Coordinating Board Meeting (#5)**

Dr. Lloyd discussed the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) meeting scheduled for July 25, 2019. Dr. Lloyd highlighted the agenda items that involve or impact Texas State, including the THECB's recognition of Ms. Elyse Greenamyre, recipient of the 2019-20 Kenneth H. Ashworth Fellowship Award; approval for The Texas State University System Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Daniel Harper, to serve on the General Academic Institutions Formula Advisory Committee; Texas State faculty to serve on a variety of field of study advisory committees; and certification of gifts that are approved for a match through the Texas Research Incentive Program. In addition, Texas State has added several degree programs since the last board meeting, including a Bachelor of Health and Wellness Promotion, a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences, and a Master of Science in Public Health Education and Promotion.

## **Inclusion and Diversity (#747)**

Dr. Lloyd discussed plans to strengthen Texas State's capacity to build a more inclusive environment. Dr. Lloyd described the difference between the 2017-2023 Diversity and Inclusion Strategic Plan and the Capacity Building Action Plan, with the former focused on achieving long-term goals and the latter geared toward addressing climate concerns as they arise. In short, the Capacity Building Action Plan will guide Texas State in effectively and immediately responding to racial crises and political strife while also building capacity to achieving its long-term diversity and inclusion goals.

## President's Update (#556)

President Trauth discussed events that will take place on the Round Rock Campus on September 4, 2019, including a President's Cabinet meeting, a faculty and staff reception, a President's Address to faculty and staff, and a variety of student-centered welcome events hosted by the Division of Student Affairs. President Trauth also asked that during the fall semester, each Vice President host a separate open forum -- including a question and answer session -- to provide divisional updates that pertain to the Round Rock Campus. Dr. Mary Ellen Cavitt was identified as the point of contact for Cabinet members when arranging visits to the Round Rock Campus. Provost Bourgeois elaborated on the newly developed Executive Leadership Team for the Round Rock Campus. The team consists of one representative from each division. While each member of the team reports back to his/her respective divisional Vice President, the team will work together across divisions to address issues as they arise, coordinate activities, and share information.

# **Significant Issues (#01)**

Provost Bourgeois provided a preliminary update on research expenditures.

Provost Bourgeois announced that two Texas State pre-nursing students, Ms. Jennifer Aguilar and Ms. Dana Steadtler, received a 2019 St. David's Neal Kocurek Scholarship Award.

Mr. Algoe announced that two finalists are in the running for the public-private partnership student housing project.

Mr. Algoe provided an update on the Bobcat Bobbies and reminded Cabinet members that the Bobcat Bobbies are not a rental taxi service.

Dr. Smith provided a preliminary update on housing for fall 2019.

Dr. Smith discussed possible polling locations on the San Marcos Campus for the upcoming election season.

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