

To: President's Cabinet
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Future Articles in Hillviews (#643)

Dr. Breier and guest Ms. Sandy Pantlik reviewed the 2020 Hillviews story budget. For spring 2020, featured articles will include: the Big Ideas; the Master of Fine Arts in Dramatic Writing program; the new Master of Science in Nursing in Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner online program; Bobcat football player Bryan London II; Dr. Nicole Taylor's research on social media and student identities; Dr. Stacy Hunter's research on the impact of yoga and cardiovascular health; and Dr. Ramona Salcedo Price's research on the impact of obesity on cancer.

Website Project Update (#576)

Dr. Bourgeois and guests Mr. Gary Ray and Ms. Kelly King-Green reviewed how they incorporated Cabinet members' recommendations into the redesign of the university website. Cabinet members approved the website redesign. The revamped design will be launched on November 18, 2019. Provost Bourgeois discussed how the launch will be communicated to the university community.

Development Update (#588)

Dr. Breier provided a University Advancement fundraising update, summarizing fundraising totals for new priorities, total endowment fair market value, and total new endowment cash received.

Safety Week

President Trauth discussed holding a safety week during spring 2019 -- a week designated to draw the university community's attention to safety information/resources, to encourage students to make safe choices, and to conduct safety drills in designated locations.

President Trauth led a discussion on safety initiatives that could have an immediate impact, especially in the residence halls. Mr. Algoe described measures currently in place, including the forms of training delivered by the University Police Department to the Resident Hall Assistants and the residents. Mr. Algoe summarized results of the most recent campus safety walk and the lighting issues that are currently being addressed. Mr. Algoe reported that since 2015, the number of cameras on our university campuses have double from 400 to 800. Cabinet members approved the initiation of a camera study, beginning with the cameras in and around the residence halls.

Dr. Smith is looking into providing 24-hour staffing at all residence halls and installing automatic locks in all residence hall bedrooms.

Provost Bourgeois added that the retention task force will determine if certain residence halls may be negatively associated with retention and, if that indeed is the case, then identify residence hall-specific interventions that may bolster retention.

RTA: 11/28/2019 Continue discussion on safety and security.

English/Spanish Web Pages

This item was removed, as Google is no longer supporting the Google Translate Widget.

Telecommuting Policy (#761)

Due to time constraints, this item was postponed to a future meeting.

RTA: 10/28/2019 Discuss the proposed telecommuting policy.

Inclusion and Diversity (#747)

Due to time constraints, this item was postponed to a future meeting.

RTA: 10/28/2019 Discuss the reorganization of the Office of Equity and Inclusion.

President's Update (#556)

President Trauth discussed the upcoming Board of Regents November meeting and reminded Cabinet members that Dr. Bill Brittain will be receiving The Texas State University System Regents' Professor Award.

Significant Issues (#01)

Provost Bourgeois shared the positive feedback that he received about Texas State's most recent Bobcat Day.

Mr. Algoe discussed the current communication plan when there is a student death on campus.

RTA: 12/2/19 Discuss proposed policy on notifying the university community of a student, faculty, or staff death.

Commencement (#143)

Provost Bourgeois announced that the Commencement Regalia Committee has recommended that beginning with the fall 2020 ceremony, graduates participating in commencement will be required to wear custom regalia. Balfour is in the process of developing mock-up designs to present to the committee. The price of the custom regalia is not expected to be significantly different from the current price of standard regalia, and a renting option will be available.

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