

To: President's Cabinet
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Cabinet Advance

Cabinet members finished their discussion of items pending from the Cabinet Advance in January.

Cost-saving and revenue-generating practices were identified, including being selective when paying for institutional memberships, consolidating units performing similar operations, and repurposing buildings to better meet the needs of the university. Cabinet also discussed the possibility of hiring a consultant to assess the academic portfolio and to review our current budget model.

The Academic Advising Program Review report submitted by Academic Advising Consultants & Speaks Services in the fall was discussed. The Commission on Student Success will review the report and assign a subcommittee to develop a plan to strengthen academic advising.

Cabinet members discussed pausing the strategic planning process in light of several factors:

- *Hopes & High Aspirations* was unveiled in January with priorities to achieve R1 status, increase student success, grow student enrollment (especially international and online), increase enrollment on the Round Rock Campus, and reduce administrative burden. These priorities are different from the goals established for the strategic planning process, which were developed prior President Damphousse's conversations with the campus community. Thus, there is a need to align the strategic planning process with these new priorities.
- Our budget will be finalized by the Texas Legislature in June, and we will have a better idea of the amount of funds that will be available to support these priorities.
- We are undergoing a structural reorganization and are hiring two new vice presidents to oversee brand new divisions. The revised/new divisions need more time to develop their strategic plans.
- Oversight of the strategic planning process will likely move to the Office of the President, and as such, the process may be tweaked.

President's Report

This item was not discussed because of time restraints.

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