

To: President's Cabinet
From: Kelly R. Damphousse
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Indigenous Cultures Center Conceptual Site Plan

With funds from Hays County, the Indigenous Cultures Institute (ICI) is pursuing plans for an Indigenous Cultures Center near Spring Lake to serve as a cultural and educational hub. Mr. Algoe presented a conceptual site plan for the Center, and the Cabinet responded favorably to the concept. Next steps include the ICI hiring an architect and securing additional funding release from Hays County. The TSUS Board of Regents approval will be required.

At a future Cabinet meeting, Mr. Algoe will present the plan for the Great Springs Trail Network and how it will tie into TXST properties, including Spring Lake and the Freeman Ranch.

Run to R1

Dr. Mandayam provided details of the [R1 Town Hall and 1K Walk/Run](#). On May 1, members of the faculty and staff will gather to discuss TXST's research trajectory and walk/run across the heart of the San Marcos campus in a symbolic gesture that we are united in our shared vision to boldly move forward in the pursuit of *Hopes & Aspirations High*.

Dr. Mandayam summarized key research outcomes for the second quarter of FY2023. Compared to the same quarter the previous year, key FY2023 second quarter research metrics have increased significantly:

- Total sponsored program expenditures were \$28.4M, a 22% increase (+\$4.9M).
- Total research and development expenditures were \$47.9M, a 40% increase (+\$13.7M).
- Restricted research expenditures were \$20.3M, a 25% increase (+\$4.1M).

Dr. Mandayam also recapped investments that have been made to increase TXST's profile in key Carnegie Classification metrics. Based on recommendations from the Commission on the Run to R1, TXST is:

- Providing three years of funding for up to 50 assistantships and scholarships for our Aquatic Resources and Integrative Biology, Computer Science, and Materials Science, Engineering and Commercialization Ph.D. programs.
- Providing funding for up to 50 additional assistantships and tuition scholarships for students in all other TXST doctoral programs.
- Supporting ~30 postdoctoral researchers for two years each.

2023-2029 University Plan

President's Cabinet approved the 2023-2029 University Plan goals and initiatives. Dr. Wuest will distribute the 2023-2029 Strategic Plan Template following the Cabinet meeting.

President's Report

President Damphousse recapped recent events he attended:

- On April 6, 2023, the Texas Senate Committee on Finance advanced Senate Bill 19 and Senate Joint Resolution 5 Bill, two bills related to the establishment of the Texas University Fund.
- On April 7, 2023, Bobcat Pause was held to remember students and current/retired members of the faculty and staff who passed away during the past year. President Damphousse asked Cabinet members to explore ways to acknowledge alumni who passed away the previous year, as well.

President Damphousse sought clarification on the employee tuition discount. Effective Fall 2023, TXST will offer a 25% discount on tuition for dependents of employees.

President Damphousse reminded Cabinet members about the process by which their employees may request flexible schedules and remote work.

President Damphousse announced that the next Cabinet Advance will be held August 6-8, 2023. TSUS Chancellor McCall has been invited to attend the beginning of the Advance. It will be a good opportunity for the Cabinet to hear Chancellor McCall's vision and to report on their big initiatives.

New Business

This item was not discussed.

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