

To: President's Cabinet
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President's Cabinet First Review Draft BOR Materials

Mr. Algoe reviewed the first draft of Board Materials for the May 2023 Board of Regents meeting. Of note, Academic and Health Affairs items included:

- Adding a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a Major in Mass Communication via Distance Education.
- Adding a Master of Applied Geography with a Major in Geographic Information Science via Distance Education.
- Changing the Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Science Degree with a Major in Clinical Laboratory Science to a Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science Degree with a Major in Medical Laboratory Science.
- Changing the Bachelor of Science in Technology Degree with a Major in Engineering Technology to a Bachelor of Science Degree with a Major in Engineering Technology.
- Changing the name of the Department of Health Information Management to the Department of Health Informatics and Information Management.

Student Success

Dr. Hernandez led a discussion on metrics for student success. President Damphousse's September 20, 2023, charge to the Commission on Student Success included specific goals:

- Increase first year retention of full-time, first-time in college students to 85% by 2025.
- Decrease retention disparities between demographic cohorts (e.g., first-gen and gender).
- Develop an institutional vision of equitable student success to increase academic achievement, wellbeing, sense of belonging, and engagement.
- Increase the 4-year graduation rate to 37%.
- Increase the 6-year graduation rate to 58%.
- Increase transfer student graduation rate to 64%.

Given that TXST is close to achieving the graduation targets, Dr. Hernandez will consult with the Commission and return to Cabinet with recommendations for more aspirational targets.

Dr. Hernandez reviewed TXST's out-of-state peers, short and long-term aspirant research peers, and national peers. Cabinet members agreed that the lists are outdated and need to be pared down. The Commission on Student Success and the Commission on Run to R1 will work together to identify student success and research peers and aspirant institutions.

President's Report

President Damphousse recapped events that he participated in the week of April 10, 2023, including:

- Meetings with the Departments of Physical Therapy and Health Information Management on the Round Rock Campus and leaders from Round Rock ISD and Austin Community College.
- The swearing in of new Student Government (SG) President Kiersten Florence and Vice President Shaelyn James. Joined by members of the university leadership, UPD, and Athletics, President Damphousse shared how much he enjoyed listening to SG President Florence share her plans to increase school safety and school spirit for the upcoming year.
- “Hump Day” at the LBJ Student Center Mall.
- Bobcat Days, which had another record crowd with nearly 2,400 prospective students.
- A visit with members of the Trap and Skeet Club Team.

President Damphousse lauded the TXST Quidditch club team for placing second in national championships of the U.S. Quadball Cup.

New Business

Mr. Algoe and Dr. Hernandez led a preliminary discussion about JCK 11th floor. With a large meeting space and two conference rooms, the 11th floor can accommodate up to 500 people at one time. Cabinet members agreed that these special event meeting rooms will be available to the university community and the general public. Dr. Hernandez proposed that the Director of the LBJ Student Center and Special Events oversee scheduling and event management of the rooms. UPPS 08.01.15, Scheduling of J. C. Kellam Building 11th Floor, will be reviewed and updated accordingly. Considerations will include how far in advance the space can be reserved (e.g., as 12 to 18 months), fee structure, and catering.

Dr. Mandayam announced that Dr. Jennifer Speed has been appointed Assistant Vice President for Research Development in the Division of Research at Texas State University. Dr. Speed comes to TXST from Princeton University, where she provides strategic proposal development support on multi-investigator, interdisciplinary grant applications to federal funding agencies.

Provost Bourgeois provided an admissions update. To date, more than 40,000 First Time In College Applications have been received, which is a 24% increase over the same time last year. Dr. Hernandez added that housing applications are up more than 3% (+209 applications).

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