


To: President's Cabinet
From: Kelly R. Damphousse
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Elevate Student Success

Mr. Algoe and Dr. Hernandez continued the discussion about on-campus fees assessed to students enrolled in traditional in-person degree programs but taking online courses.

They proposed that students enrolled in traditional in-person degree programs on the San Marcos Campus but taking online courses for a given semester will be assessed all fees. Students enrolled in fully online programs will receive waivers for four fees (bus, medical service, recreational, and student center fees) and will not have access to the related services. This item will be returned to a future cabinet meeting for final approval and discussion of rollout.

Dr. Sivakumaran discussed improvements being made to how degree programs are coded. Currently, it is difficult to differentiate between a student enrolled on the San Marcos Campus from one enrolled on the Round Rock Campus and between students enrolled in traditional in-person degree programs but taking fully online courses for a given semester and students enrolled in fully online degree programs. In the future, applications will require students to select from the following locations/modalities: San Marcos, Round Rock, and online.

Mr. Algoe and Dr. Hernandez discussed the placement of monuments for student organizations, including those that fall under Fraternity and Sorority Life.

Improve Operations and Enhance Infrastructure

Mr. Algoe discussed the timeline for ongoing renovation projects in the JC Kellam Administration Building. After the roof was removed, various structural and other unforeseen conditions were uncovered that pushed back the 11th floor project completion date from December 2023 to March 2024. The lobby is still on schedule for December 2023 completion.

Dr. Lloyd continued the discussion on new legislation. In light of SB17, "Responsibility of Governing Boards Regarding Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiatives," TXST continues to review its programs and activities to ensure university operations will be in compliance with the bill when the law goes into effect on January 1, 2024.

President's Report

President Damphousse recapped the new traditions added to the week of Homecoming including Color the Campus (Homecoming Kick-Off), a spirit parade, a pep rally, and Boko's Homecoming Bash. Over 30 offices signed up to help Color the Campus by decorating their

offices, with first prize going to the Texas School Safety Center sites which went all out with a Taylor Swift theme. We also started a new tradition of inviting our retired faculty and staff members to campus to celebrate homecoming with us. President Damphousse also shared his excitement in welcoming our two newest UPD members Duke and Lyndon, at the Homecoming football game. The Clydesdales make TXST the first university in Texas with a mounted patrol.

New Business

Dr. Lloyd reminded Cabinet members of the November 1, 2023, book launch event of “LBJ’s America: The Life and Legacies of Lyndon Baines Johnson” in the LBJ Student Center. Mark Updegrave, CEO of the LBJ Foundation, Mark Lawrence, Director of the LBJ Presidential Library and Museum, and other book contributors will participate in a panel discussion.

Mr. Algoe provided an update on the BookSmart digital textbook program.

Mr. Algoe announced that the amount of the undergraduate designated tuition benefit for employees with dependents has increased from 25% to 50%, effective Fall 2024.

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