


To: President's Cabinet
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Increase Enrollment (San Marcos Campus, Round Rock Campus, and TXST Global)

Dr. Lloyd led a discussion about university operations on September 16, 2024, the day of the Presidential Debate. The Cabinet will continue collecting additional information, with the goal of having a decision on whether to hold classes on that day before the end of April.

Improve Operations and Enhance Infrastructure

Dr. Lloyd reviewed the process for proposing changes to the TSUS Rules and Regulations. No proposed changes were submitted for consideration at the May Board of Regents meeting.

Dr. Lessiter presented an update on the development plans for Esparanza Hall on the Round Rock Campus. Cabinet members offered feedback, including the suggestion to involve higher education technology designers in planning meetings, to explore the possibility of tiering large classrooms, and to rearrange storage rooms to maximize open spaces.

Mr. Algoe led a discussion regarding university operations during the eclipse on April 8, 2024. At the time of the meeting, few universities had announced their eclipse plans. It was decided to seek input from Faculty Senate before a final decision could be reached.

Mr. Algoe presented possible Legislative Appropriations Requests for the next Legislative Session. Cabinet members agreed that the requests should prioritize the following initiatives: building out the ALERRT campus, transforming Aquarena Springs and Sewell Park as a cultural destination, increasing the Bobcat Promise scholarship program, and bolstering efforts to enhance student success.

President's Report

President Damphousse reviewed topics discussed during the Presidents' meeting with TSUS Chancellor McCall at the February BOR meeting.

President Damphousse recapped topics discussed during the most recent PAAG meeting, including the approach we will take in making adjustments to faculty of instruction salaries, staff turnover concerns, and the steps we are taking to support our current and future students during the FAFSA delay.

New Business

Mr. Algoe solicited input from the President's Cabinet regarding FY2025 holiday schedule. The state legislature determines the number of holidays that can be observed by all state agencies and institutions of higher education, making it difficult to accommodate requests for additional holidays to be included in the calendar.

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