

Executive Cabinet Meeting Notes
Friday, Aug. 16, 2024
9:00 a.m.

In attendance: Dr. Hernandez, Dr. Cantens, Ben Telesca, Amanda Workman, Dr. Tucker, Dr. Warnock, Natalie Sandoval, Dr. Funasaki, Michelle Lancaster, Dr. Harveson, Dr. Sengupta, April Altman Becker, Dr. Harris, Dr. Garza, Paul Herring, Dr. Payne, and Bonnie Albright.

- Dr. Cantens shared the Academic Deans retreat. Discussed culture as the water we all swim in. Looked at challenges and possible solutions. Group looked at Strategic Plan, looked at vision plans for the individual colleges. Discussion at EC about active reporting on the strategic plan.
- Dr. Harris brought the grievance process to the table for discussion on how to handle RGC grievances. After discussion, the decision was made to identify one individual at the RGC campus to serve as the person to advise students on the process and gather information. Additional individuals will be added to the grievance committee to form a combined group that reviews all grievances.
- Ben Telesca brought the updated APM policies for Student Life for approval with the exception of the vehicle policy. This policy needs further review to ensure we are in compliance and meeting the needs of the University.
- April brought a list of APM policies that need to be updated. Expressed the need to update policies and determine a schedule for updates. Discussed the policy for getting rid of policies in the instance that one is no longer needed.
- Dr. Warnock discussed the differences in Nursing faculty in comparison to other faculty on campus. Typically, nursing staff is either Clinical or Didactic. There are differences in how job descriptions should be written and compensated. Decision to gather standards and put together a plan for consideration.
- Ben Telesca announced August 29th welcome back party. Staff and faculty can pick up tickets in Campus Activities. On November 2nd, the Josh Abbott Band will be on campus for a concert in the Gallego Center. Paul Herring discussed tables that will be available for the event with a note that 7 are already sold!
- Amanda Workman discussed the inspiring group of football players already on campus. Soccer and Volleyball come in this weekend. New baseball coach comes in the following week for the start of classes. Lone Star Conference is partnering with FloSports who will stream all of our games for all sports. There is a revenue source attached to this. We can sell commercial spots as well. It requires a subscription service but there is a discount with an .edu email address. Scholar

athlete presentation will be at halftime at the beginning of the first game. There is one basketball game that must be played around graduation. Game will be on Thursday and gym will be flipped for graduation on Friday.

- Question on guidelines for tailgating. Only guideline is the location will be on the south side. No glass bottles. No outside beverages may be brought into the stadium.
- Natalie Sandoval reported on enrollment. Projection of 283 new first-time students in Alpine. 161 are athletes. Transfers include 64 athletes with possible of 191 others with 162 accepted . Total of 426 projected. Questions with the enrollment report as increased enrollment at RGC is not reflecting on the current report. Expecting 121 students with family members for a total of just under 300 here for Sully Start Up. Still have around 98 students who have not registered for orientation.
- Discussed need regarding cross campus approvals for registering students. Decided that if one of the Deans or Dr. Garza emails an approval, then that is a final approval. Will work on procedure going forward.
- Many classes are full and can be increased. Warnock asked if there is a quicker process to increase class caps. Decision to accept any increase request from an Academic Dean for class size. Bernie will let registrar know process.
- Paul Herring shared there is a Foundation Board meeting this afternoon. Has a meeting with the CEO of Lowe's grocery store in Lubbock about concert and ad ops for streaming services with sports.
- Dr. Garza expressed excitement about a women's soccer game that SRSU is playing in Eagle Pass on September 8th. Additionally, there is a back-to-school fest coming up that they are looking forward to. Concerns with report and correct numbers.
- Dr. Hernandez shared the notice that will be going out to faculty and staff regarding salaries.
- Dr. Hernandez shared that high schools will be able to provide a developmental course created by the University in reading and math that when successfully completed, the student will be considered college ready.
- Dr. Hernandez shared that if a student has an outstanding balance and received financial aid, we cannot withhold transcript per federal law. If a student received financial aid, transcript must be released. We need to shore up our response to this law.
- Dr. Harveson shared a big conservation project with El Paso Community College we are working on as well as a project with HEB.
- Bonnie Albright shared exceptional items for Legislative Appropriations request, including CCAP, BRI and Program Development in Alpine.

- Dr. Warnock shared that card swipe doors are set to be completed in many buildings on campus by start of school. Dr. Harris shared that new lights have been installed on campus that are Dark Sky compliant.
- Dr. Cantens wanted to congratulate Betse Esparza for the video that was shown at BOR.
- Natalie shared processes in financial aid are being run and students will be receiving letters if they did not meet SAP over the summer.