

DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY
PRESIDENT'S CABINET
Minutes

Meeting date: May 30, 2023

Members in attendance: Dr. Ellen Green, Dr. Christopher Jurgenson, Dr. Eddie Lovin, Mr. Rick Munroe, Dr. Andy Novobilski, Dr. Michelle Roberts, Ms. Haley Rooks, and Mr. Larry Wakefield (recorder – Ms. Claire Cole)

Members not in attendance: Dr. E. E. Caston and Mr. Mike Kinnison

Guests: Dr. Edwin Craft, Associate Vice President for Finance and Administration
Dr. Dan Ennis, President-Elect, Delta State University

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the President's Cabinet was held in the President's Conference Room on May 30, 2023. The meeting convened at 1:30 p.m. with Dr. Roberts presiding.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On motion by Dr. Lovin and seconded by Mr. Wakefield, all Cabinet Members present and participating voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held on May 15, 2023.

GENERAL OVERVIEW

- Ms. Rooks gave an update on Student Government Association activities. At the next meeting of the IHL system student government presidents, a joint topic and/or project will be chosen for each president to enact on their individual campuses. Ms. Rooks announced the newly elected SGA Secretary will not return to Delta State in the fall, and so Ms. Rooks appointed Ms. Abby Covington to the position. According to the Student Government Association bylaws, the Student Senate must approve the appointment. A vote will occur next week.
- Mr. Wakefield shared an update on Facilities projects. The ADA compliance project at the BPAC is ready for bids. University representatives will meet with the architects for the HVAC project to see which buildings will be a part of the \$2.8 million upgrade. The boiler for the Nowell Union has been ordered, but there is not an estimate on delivery.
- Dr. Roberts shared with Cabinet members some of the meetings and events planned for this week. The Strategic Plan Steering Committee meets on Thursday. Delta Council hosts their 88th Annual Meeting on Delta State's campus on Friday beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the BPAC.

CABINET TOPIC

None

BUSINESS

Action

MDOT Campus Sidewalk Project..... Mr. Wakefield

Mr. Wakefield shared with Cabinet members the selection of Simmons Erosion as the contractor for the second phase of the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) sidewalk project. Simmons Erosion was the lowest and best out of the five bids with a winning bid of \$738,34.35. MDOT will pay for 80% of the project, and Delta State will pay the remaining 20% using university plant funds.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Wakefield for Delta State to execute a contract with Simmons Erosion for the MDOT Campus Sidewalk project and seconded by Dr. Jurgenson. The motion was approved.

Discussion

None

INFORMATIONAL/CALENDAR ITEMS:

- Dr. Dan Ennis begins term as Delta State’s 9th President, June 1
- Delta Council’s 88th Annual Meeting, June 2, 10:30 a.m., BPAC

NEXT MEETING:

- Next Cabinet Meeting – Monday, June 5, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.
- Next Cabinet Meeting Topic – TBD

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.