

DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY

PRESIDENT'S CABINET

Minutes

Meeting date: September 12, 2022

Members in attendance: Dr. E.E. Caston, Dr. Joshua Armstrong, Dr. Leslie Griffin, Ms. Lucia Chacon Habis, Mr. Mike Kinnison, Dr. Eddie Lovin, Mr. Rick Munroe, Dr. Andy Novobilski, and Dr. Michelle Roberts (recorder – Ms. Claire Cole)

Members not in attendance: Dr. Caroline Fletcher and Mr. Jamie Rutledge

Guests: Ms. Holly Ray, Chair-Elect, Administrative Staff Council

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the President's Cabinet was held in the President's Conference Room on September 12, 2022. The meeting convened at 1:30 p.m. with Dr. Caston presiding.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On motion by Dr. Lovin and seconded by Dr. Novobilski, all Cabinet Members present and participating voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held on August 29, 2022.

GENERAL OVERVIEW

- Dr. Caston gave an overview of the activities and events from the last week. Dr. Caston and other Delta State representatives attended the Cleveland-Bolivar County Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet. Dr. Lovin provided a report on the results of the Interfraternity Council's Recruitment process. They had 20 male students to participate and receive bids. At the conclusion of recruitment, open bidding began; however, it was suspended until September 21 due to certain issues. The Interfraternity Council will meet with Ms. Elizabeth Branton on September 21 to address all issues. Dr. Caston and Dr. Lovin spoke at the Cleveland Noon Lions Club meeting last week to provide an update on Delta State and enrollment. University Advancement assisted with the dedication of the Kossman Suite in Jobe Hall on Sunday. Dr. Caston stated it was a nice event, and the family seemed pleased.
- Mr. Kinnison gave an update on Athletics. The football team won their second game on the road against McKendree University on Saturday. They travel to Mississippi Valley State University this Saturday. The cross country team competed at University of North Alabama last week, and all runners improved their times. They travel to University of Montevallo this Friday. The women's soccer team hosted University of Montevallo and Auburn University at Montgomery over the weekend and won their match against Auburn University at Montgomery. They travel to Millsaps College on Tuesday. The men's soccer team hosted Auburn University at Montgomery on Sunday and tied their match. Both soccer teams travel to Shorter University and Lee University this weekend. Coach Kinnison announced that the floor in Walter Sillers Coliseum was refinished, and he said he was pleased with the work.
- Dr. Caston shared with Cabinet members some of the meetings and events planned for this week. Clint Black will perform at the BPAC tomorrow evening. On Wednesday, Dr. Caston will travel with Delta State Foundation Board of Directors President Tom Janoush to Memphis to meet with donors. Dr. Caston travels to Purvis, MS on Thursday to provide an update to the IHL Board of Trustees during their

annual retreat. Delta State's 97th birthday is on Thursday, and an anniversary celebration is scheduled for 12:00 p.m. in the Lena Roberts Sillers Chapel.

CABINET TOPIC

None

BUSINESS

Action

Traffic and Parking policy (revised – first reading) Dr. Lovin

Dr. Lovin brought the revised Traffic and Parking policy to Cabinet for a first reading. The notable revisions include: an increase in the price of the parking decal from \$40 to \$42; changes to the parking zones; and, a time change for the parking restrictions. Currently, the university has six parking zones; however, the revisions to the policy decrease the number of parking zones to three. The three zones would include a zone for employees and commuters, a zone for residential students, and a zone for any permit. Parking restrictions will only affect the zone for employees and commuters, and the restrictions are in effect from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. If the revisions to the policy are approved, the policy will go into effect on October 1. Dr. Armstrong asked for a campus map highlighting the changes with regards to parking for faculty and staff. Dr. Armstrong and Ms. Ray will share the parking changes with faculty and staff prior to the second reading on September 26.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Lovin to approve the first reading of the revised Traffic and Parking policy and seconded by Dr. Novobilski. The motion was approved.

Discussion

Institutional Effectiveness and Planning update Dr. Novobilski

Dr. Novobilski shared with Cabinet members a list of rankings for Delta State from the *U.S. News & World Report* Best Colleges Rankings. In Best Regional Universities South rankings, Delta State ranked #63. Our ranking increased by 11 spots from last year. Delta State is #29 in Best Colleges for Veterans; #22 in Best Value Schools in the South; #67 in Top Performers on Social Mobility; and, #27 in Top Public Universities in the South.

Enrollment Update/Overview Dr. Lovin

Dr. Lovin provided an enrollment update. Cabinet members received an overview of enrollment for Fall 2022 last week from the Office of Institutional Research, Effectiveness, and Planning. As of the 15th day of class, the Fall 2022 enrollment numbers show a decrease from the same time last year. The final numbers will be submitted to IHL on November 1. Recruiters from the Office of Admissions are gearing up for travel season and the start to the Fall 2023 recruitment process.

Additional Information

None

INFORMATIONAL/CALENDAR ITEMS:

- Clint Black, September 13, 7:30 p.m., BPAC
- DSU's 97th Anniversary Program, September 15, 12:00 p.m., Lena Roberts Sillers Chapel
- Delta State's Day of Giving, September 15

- Memorial Service for Dr. Karen Fosheim, September 22, 6:00 p.m., Location TBD
- An Evening of Hits starring Peabo Bryson and Taylor Dayne, September 29, 7:30 p.m., BPAC
- Pig Pickin' Weekend, September 30 – October 1
- Delta State vs. Valdosta State University Football Game, October 1, 6:00 p.m., Parker Field-McCool Stadium

NEXT MEETING:

- Next Cabinet Meeting – Monday, September 26, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.
- Next Cabinet Meeting Topic – TBD

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.