

CABINET MEETING COMMUNIQUE  
MEETING OF DECEMBER 13, 2005

Present: Crew, Dilworth, Hanson, Jones, Moulton, Pierce, Webb

(Guests from the Division of Student Affairs: Diane Blake-Jones, Bill Collins, Reatha Cox, Patric Dubois, Shelia Gentry, Robyn House, Yonna Pasch, Jennifer Paul, Mary Edith Stacy, Fred Teresa, John Ziegler)

- Dr. Moulton and her staff shared information for all-campus event planning for the coming spring semester. This is collaboration among academic and support units to provide students the best possible experiences at the University. Committee chairs for the following events provided details concerning related activities: (1) “Demon Daze 2006” (Welcome Week [January 4-12] committee chaired by Reatha Cox); (2) “Big Easy Week” (New Orleans/Mardi Gras [February 21-23] committee chaired by Yonna Pasch); (3) “Diversity University” (Diversity Week [March 6-9] committee chaired by Bill Collins); and (4) “Let’s Talk About . . .” (Prevention Week [April 3-7] committee chaired by John Ziegler). Shelia Gentry chairs the Public Relations Committee whose job it is to promote the activities to students in the most effective ways possible. The Cabinet expressed appreciation for the creative thinking and work done in this regard, and for the inclusive nature of the activities.
- There will be an “Open House” at new residence halls for faculty and staff, possible during “Demon Daze.”
- Dr. Webb asked that vice presidents provide his office information today pertinent to any potential agenda items for the January meeting of the Board of Supervisors.
- Mr. Dilworth has pursued a goal of \$150,000 in savings through cutbacks in services provided by Red River Sanitors. At this point, the anticipated cuts total \$137,000, and the adverse impact potentially severe. The Cabinet approved a statement for issuance through “Messenger” to all faculty and staff.
- Mr. Dilworth shared information about movable property people may be unable to locate. The Cabinet agreed that such property must be located.

- Mr. Dilworth cited instances in which police and other vehicles are currently disabled. A determination must ultimately be made as to what repairs can be made and as to how maintenance costs can be curtailed.
- The group discussed current position vacancies and how determinations might be made as to those positions deemed critical.
- Dr. Hanson reported that the Board of Supervisors approved our offering the bachelor's degree in criminal justice online. He hopes the Board of Regents will consider it at its January meeting. The Regents have imposed a moratorium on new degrees through 2006-2007, and will be conducting reviews of existing programs.
- Dr. Webb announced that the Supervisors approved Dr. Hanson as provost and vice president for academic affairs. The Board elected Mr. Jimmy Long as Chair and Mrs. Elsie Burkhalter for Vice Chair for 2006.
- Dr. Hanson announced that approximately 24% of non-registered students for the spring who were contacted by academic departments have now enrolled.