

DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY
PRESIDENT’S CABINET
Minutes

Meeting date: December 16, 2024

Members in attendance: Dr. Dan Ennis, Dr. Nora Gough-Davis, Ms. Amber Hays, Dr. Eddie Lovin, Dr. Suzette Matthews, Mr. Mike Kinnison, Ms. Arlene Cash, and Dr. Leslie Griffin (recorder – Ms. Cristie Washington)

Members not in attendance: Dr. Edwin Craft and Ms. Hayden Kirkhart

Guests: Mr. Kelvin Davis, Associate Vice President, Finance and Administration

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the President’s Cabinet was held in the President’s Conference Room on December 16, 2024. The meeting convened at 2:10 p.m. with Dr. Ennis presiding.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On motion by Dr. Lovin and seconded by Dr. Matthews, all Cabinet Members present and participating voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held on October 14, 2024.

GENERAL OVERVIEW

- Dr. Ennis gave an overview of the activities and events of the last few weeks. Additionally, he discussed the SACSCOC’s findings as released in previous campus e-mail communication.

CABINET TOPIC

Process Mapping ProjectMs. Cash

Ms. Cash provided Cabinet members with updates on the Office of Admissions process mapping project including updates on Slate implementation and utilization.

BUSINESS

Action

Awarding Degrees Posthumously policy (revised – final reading)..... Dr. Griffin

On behalf of the Academic Council, Dr. Griffin brought the revised Awarding Degrees Posthumously policy to Cabinet for a final reading.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Lovin to approve the Awarding Degrees Posthumously policy for a final reading and seconded by Dr. Matthews. The motion passed unanimously.

Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit policy (revised – final reading)..... Dr. Griffin

On behalf of the Academic Council, Dr. Griffin brought the new Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit policy for a

final reading.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Lovin to approve the revised Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit policy for a final reading and seconded by Dr. Matthews. The motion was passed unanimously.

Tests and Examinations policy (revised – final reading) Dr. Griffin

On behalf of the Academic Council, Dr. Griffin brought the revised Tests and Examinations policy to Cabinet for a final reading.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Lovin to approve the revised Tests and Examinations policy for a final reading and seconded by Dr. Matthews. The motion was unanimously passed.

Naming Opportunity..... Dr. Matthews

Dr. Matthews shared with Cabinet members an opportunity to rename the State Room in the H. L. Nowell Union. Upon approval of Cabinet members, the State Room will be renamed the Sylvia and Bob Ferguson State Room. Dr. and Mrs. Ferguson are staunch supporters of Delta State University.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Matthews to approve the naming opportunity and seconded by Dr. Lovin. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion

Hiring Requests Cabinet Members

In following the hiring guidance set forth by Dr. Ennis, Cabinet members presented their requests for review. After review by Cabinet members, Dr. Craft will meet with Dr. Ennis to provide added context as to the need for the given position or positions prior to Dr. Ennis granting or denying hiring approval.

Enrollment Update Ms. Cash

Ms. Cash provided Cabinet members with an update on the recruiting efforts of the Office of Admissions.

PolicyStat Approvals..... Dr. Lovin

Dr. Lovin reminded Cabinet members to actively review their policies within PolicyStat. Additionally, approvers need to review and approve policies promptly to move them through the appropriate approval queues.

INFORMATIONAL/CALENDAR ITEMS:

- Kitchen Cabinet Holly Jolly Holiday Reception, December 17, 5:00 p.m., President’s Home
- Staff Council Holiday Breakfast, December 18, 9:00 a.m., Leroy E. Morganti Atrium
- Winter Holidays for Faculty and Staff, December 23, 2024 – January 1, 2025
- Spring classes begin, January 16, 2025
- Martin Luther King Holiday, January 20, 2025

NEXT MEETING:

- Next Cabinet Meeting – Monday, January 13, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.
- Next Cabinet Meeting Topic – TBD

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.