

President's Cabinet  
Minutes  
August 18, 2008

The Cabinet met on August 18 at 9:00 a.m. Present were: Bryant, Byrd, Clark, Denton, Drew, Gregory, Hall, Jackson, Kennedy, Loos, McMillan, McQueen, Mulkeen, Persinger, and Robinson. Guest in attendance: Melissa Conwell (Staff Council representative)

- President Hall stated that the focus of this group will continue to be on finding ways to improve student success at APSU, not policy making.
- Hall discussed Chancellor Manning's letter regarding what he would be looking for at President Hall's annual performance review. Manning stated that our goals should be quantitative, measurable and attainable. The status of APSU in the following reports was discussed:
  - First-time Freshmen Retention Rates
  - Six-year Graduation Rates
  - First-time Freshmen Requiring Developmental Work
  - External Funding
- Hall asked McQueen to research what admissions tests other universities are using for the 21 and older population since the ACT is strictly used for high school students.
- Hall asked McQueen to provide a report to him regarding the success of the SLA program for math and English as soon as possible and wants to discuss with her creating a program addressing our students' reading deficiencies.
- Hall asked Clark to add to the P-16 agenda "How are we reaching into K-12 to try to cure more deficiencies before students arrive on our campus?" Our goal is not to wait for other people to solve our problems. We need to be actively looking to find a solution.
- Hall asked Kennedy to make sure the external funds data is corrected at TBR.
- Hall will appoint an Aesthetics Task Force whose charge will be to think about the physical environment at APSU and how to create an atmosphere conducive to student success.
- Mulkeen stated that the NSSE will be given to freshmen and seniors in spring 2009, and she will provide Hall with an electronic version of the latest NSSE results for APSU.
- Gregory asked the Cabinet for their help at the convocation picnic on August 20.
- Hall asked the leaders of student affairs, academic affairs, finance and administration and enrollment management to identify three things that their respective areas can focus on this year to help more of our students succeed. These individuals will report on these items at the next cabinet meeting and will include a short comment on how to accomplish these items.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. The next cabinet meeting will be on Monday, September 15, at 9:00 in the Iris Room.