Welcome Dr. Gigi Secuban

President Trauth welcomed Dr. Secuban to President’s Cabinet and recapped the evolution of Institutional Inclusive Excellence.

President’s Update (#556)

President Trauth asked Dr. Lloyd to charge College of Liberal Arts Dean Mary Brennan and College of Fine Arts and Communication Dean John Fleming with convening a small work group to create a UPPS titled Patron of the Arts and Humanities Award. Considerations include: the award can be given to an individual or a group; the recipient should be external to the university; the award does not have to be given annually; and the team should determine whether the award should be given posthumously.

Significant Issues (#01)

Provost Bourgeois provided an enrollment update, highlighting that new student headcount and student credit hours are higher than the same time last year. The 2022 freshman class is expected to exceed 7,000 students. More importantly, overall enrollment numbers are expected to surpass pre-pandemic 2019 numbers. Retention is hovering around 80 percent, higher than it has been for a number of years. Housing contracts are up more than 800 contracts, and housing occupancy is 110 percent.

Mr. Coryell reported on several topics, including:
- The Jake Spavital Texas State Football Tour in Austin on June 23, 2022, had a great turnout; the efforts of the Texas State Alumni Association were truly appreciated.
- Recent donor gift to Athletics.
- Kendall Brooks will be the new women’s head tennis coach.

Dr. Perry discussed several topics, including:
- The Board of Directors of the Alumni Association have become active in engaging alumni.
- The first day of work for Ms. Alejandra Merheb, the assistant vice president for the Alumni Association, was June 27, 2022.

Mr. Pierce announced that Information Technology is working on several initiatives:
- Transitioning the txstate.edu to txst.edu in July.
- Increasing bandwidth.
- Assessing how departments are billed for use of telephones.
Dr. Secuban announced that she is in the midst of setting up her new office and hiring an Executive Assistant. Dr. Secuban also shared that she attended the Juneteenth celebration in San Marcos with President Trauth and Dr. Hernandez and that she will work with her team to engage the university community in this event next year.

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