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CABINET MEETING
September 8, 1980

1. Announcements

A reminder announcement was made relative to the September 10, 1980 agenda and docket deadline for the October Board of Regents meeting.

The September 19, 1980 Administrative Council meeting was mentioned along with the September 15, 1980 agenda deadline for this meeting.

2. Coordinating Board System for Classifying Texas Institutions

Discussion was conducted relative to the August 26, 1980 memorandum from the Commissioner of Higher Education relative to a system for the classification of Texas institutions of higher education. The Cabinet was advised that U.T. System presidents had conferred about this matter during the Board of Regents meeting on September 5, 1980 and had concluded that a single response on this matter should be sent to the Commissioner for all System academic institutions. The primary concern about the classification system centers on the possibility of the classification becoming an irrevocable categorization. There is general agreement that the classification, as proposed through the Commissioner's memorandum, is an accurate descriptive statement insofar as current status is concerned, but that the possibility for this to become unchangeable is very undesirable. The Cabinet agrees with this position and further information will be provided as appropriate.

3. Budgeting for Departmental and General Institutional Publications

Brief discussion was conducted relative to the desirability of budgeting funds within school and departmental budgets for publications that relate directly to school and departmental operations. Currently, funds for publications are budgeted in a single account under the director of the Public Information Office. The Cabinet agreed to study this approach which, as mentioned, essentially has the effect of budgeting funds in departmental and school budgets with general institutional publications being retained in the Public Information Office budget. This matter will be reviewed further as appropriate.

4. Workload for Graduate Instruction

Brief discussion was conducted relative to the need to develop a plan for considering graduate instruction within the faculty workload of the institution. The vice president for academic affairs is pursuing work on this matter and the Cabinet will consider this matter further as appropriate.