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CABINET MEETING March 16, 1981

1. Announcements

It was announced that the Presidential Search Committee will meet on campus March 20, 1981 in connection with the Presidential Search Committee activity. It was also mentioned that the advertisement concerning the U.T. Tyler presidency appeared in the March 9, 1981 and will appear in the March 16, 1981 issues of The Chronicle of Higher Education. Applications for the presidency will close March 31, 1981.

The Cabinet was advised that the Senate Finance Committee hearing on March 2, 1981 was routine in nature.

For the record, the Cabinet was advised that the dinner for President's Associates, to be preceded by a special showing of the Library, has been scheduled for April 4, 1981. Also mentioned was the Library Open House for the general public scheduled April 5, 1981.

A reminder announcement was made pursuant to Dr. Raymond M. Hawkins', the new president of Tyler Junior College, visit with the Administrative Council today.

The Cabinet was advised that a communication had been sent to the chancellor advising him of the Cabinet's positive sentiment relative to academic planning for The University of Texas System.

2. University Center Update

A report was made that second floor University Center refurbishing is almost complete, and the School of Education and Psychology will begin moving in the near future. A goal has been set for conducting classes in this location following the spring break.

3. 1981-82 Budget

A general review of the status of budget planning was conducted along with discussion about specific goals pertaining to completing the first draft of this document. Specific discussion related to salary increases for the 1981-82 year, and a plan was developed for allocating faculty salaries within available funds. It was understood that the matter concerning mandated salaries for non-tenured faculty members may be modified by the legislature. If this modification is made, other adjustments may be necessary at that time. In communicating information about salary recommendations, the vice presidents will emphasize that with the legislature still in session, our decisions are subject to change. With this perspective in mind, the Cabinet agreed that for tenured faculty members, salary recommendations could range from 5.1 to 30 percent for the ensuing year.

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4. Coordinating Board Faculty Salary Questionnaire

The vice president for academic affairs reported that the chairman of the Coordinating Board Faculty Salary Committee had requested information relative to selected faculty salary information for the 1980-81 academic year. The Cabinet agreed that this information should be furnished to this committee by the vice president for academic affairs.

5. Federal Reporting Requirements

The vice president for fiscal affairs brought to the attention of the Cabinet a communication from the vice chancellor for business affairs pertaining to a review which Lt. Governor William P. Hobby is conducting concerning unnecessary federal requirements which affect Texas programs. Specifically, Governor Hobby is requesting information relative to federal regulations that are impacting the operations of state agencies. This information is being collected by the vice chancellor for business affairs through component business officers. The vice president for fiscal affairs will proceed with the requirements of this report.