

Cabinet Meeting Notes

October 7, 2014: 1 pm

Number of Attendees: 11

Question 1: What do you think makes CSUSB different from other institutions in the region or among other CSU campuses?

- CSUSB serves a two county region. 92% of our students come from the Inland Empire; most are first generation to attend college and come from low income economic status.
- Our student body is very unique, including ethnically and socio-economically.
- Inland Empire's culture is very different from others: it is very warm and inviting.
- CSUSB's and our students' accomplishments are sometimes unexpected but impressive (including graduation rates and entrepreneurial endeavors).
- There is a remarkable sense of cohesive unity/collegiality/sense of place for a campus of this size.
- Students are our focus, especially student success.
- High level of passion and enthusiasm here: community is significantly committed to our institution's success, alumni are tireless, and many employees have strong ties to CSUSB.
- We focus on students even before they start at CSUSB by working with school districts and raising educational expectations.

Question 2: What is one external force that you identify as the most impactful/substantial in terms of CSUSB's future (regional, state, national, international)?

- School districts we serve - including the preparation level of students out of high school and its impact on the university.
- State funding.
- Chancellor's Office funding.
- Corporate and major philanthropic foundations.
- Legislature tying our hands and not letting us make own decisions on allocating funds.
- State financial aid commission.
- Community leaders (especially local).
- Economy of the Inland Empire.
- Palm Desert Campus and its community.
- State legislative arm.