DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY
PRESIDENT'S CABINET
Minutes

Meeting date: September 8, 2025

Members in attendance: Dr. Dan Ennis, Dr. Curtis Coleman, Dr. Edwin Craft, Mr. Peter Dean, Dr. Leslie Griffin, Dr. Eddie Lovin, Mr. Mike Kinnison, Ms. Hayden Kirkhart, Dr. Suzette Matthews, and Ms. Holly Senter (recorder – Ms. Claire Cole)

Members not in attendance: None

Guests: Ms. FaDerricka Harvey and Dr. Serge Herzog

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the President's Cabinet was held in the President's Conference Room on September 8, 2025. The meeting convened at 1:30 p.m. with Dr. Ennis presiding.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On motion by Dr. Lovin and seconded by Dr. Matthews, all Cabinet Members present and participating voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held on August 25, 2025.

GENERAL OVERVIEW

- Cabinet members shared their insights on Pig Pickin' 2025.
- Dr. Lovin shared with Cabinet members an update on resignations in the Police Department and the Office of Health and Counseling Services.
- Dr. Craft gave an update on the University budget. The FY25 audit is complete, and the University is waiting for the auditing firm to release their final report for Dr. Craft and his staff to review. The University closed out FY25 with $ 11.1 million in cash reserves. Additionally, Dr. Craft and his staff submitted their monitoring report to SACS-COC today.
- Dr. Craft gave an update on Facilities Management projects. The old scoreboard for Parker Field should be demolished this week, and the new scoreboard will be installed immediately after. Painting has begun in Kent Wyatt Hall. The second floor is complete, and the first floor will be painted in the coming months. Dr. Craft will invite the Project Manager for Facilities Management to an upcoming Cabinet meeting to discuss potential changes to campus signage.
- Dr. Craft announced the Bologna Performing Arts Center Executive Director resigned, and Ms. Holly Senter and Mr. Loyd McDowell have assumed the responsibilities of the Executive Director until a hire can be made.
- Dr. Coleman provided an update on recruitment efforts. The Office of Admissions team is busy traveling. The graduate recruiters are assisting with transfer recruitment at this time. Dr. Coleman is comprising a strategic enrollment that will assist the University in reaching its enrollment goals. The Office of Admissions Open House is October 31, and 175 students have registered thus far. Dr. Coleman will plan a logistics meeting for campus officials in early October.
- Mr. Kinnison gave an update on Athletics. Mr. Kinnison has two open positions to fill. The Head Coach

for Swimming and Diving and the Head Strength and Conditioning Coach resigned. The cross country team ran at Mississippi College last week, and they finished in eighth place out of fifteen teams. Both soccer teams have begun their seasons. The men's soccer competes at Louisiana Christian University on Friday, and they host Mississippi College on Sunday. The women's soccer team competes at Georgia College and State University on Tuesday, and they host Nova Southeastern University and University of West Florida this weekend. The football team defeated North Greenville University over the weekend, and they travel to University of North Carolina Pembroke this weekend. The golf team is competing at University of Montevallo today and tomorrow.

- Dr. Griffin introduced Cabinet members to Dr. Serge Herzog. He is the new Director of Institutional Research, Effectiveness, and Planning. Dr. Herzog shared his initial thoughts on university data, and he provided an overview of the information he could provide Cabinet members.
- Ms. Kirkhart announced the election for Homecoming Court would be September 22-23. SGA is hosting an International Coffee Hour on September 17, and they are hosting a Sickle Cell Awareness event on September 22. A subcommittee of SGA is meeting to discuss the plans for the Homecoming pep rally and parade. Ms. Kirkhart announced the tentative day for both events is Thursday of Homecoming week.
- Dr. Ennis gave an update on his schedule of events for the week. Town Hall is Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. in Jacob Conference Center. Representatives from Mississippi Delta Community College and Bolivar County superintendents will be on campus this week to discuss middle college.

CABINET TOPIC

None

BUSINESS

Action

Road Closure for September 15 ..... Dr. Craft

On behalf of the Centennial Committee, Dr. Craft brought a request for a road closure on Monday, September 15. The road closure will be West Bolivar Circle (on the Quadrangle) beginning at 2:30 p.m. to allow for seamless transition between the Bologna Performing Arts Center and the Quadrangle. Hayes Cooper Center will dismiss their students earlier, as well.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Craft to approve the road closure and seconded by Dr. Lovin. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion

Cabinet Advance takeaways ..... Dr. Ennis

Dr. Ennis presented Cabinet members with the takeaways from Cabinet Advance. He requested Cabinet members review the takeaways involving their operations and beginning working towards a solution. The takeaways will be further discussed at an Enrollment Group meeting on November 3.

Town Hall ..... Dr. Ennis

Dr. Ennis provided Cabinet members with an overview of his presentation for tomorrow's Town Hall. He requested for any additional inclusions to be added to the presentation to be emailed to Ms. Cole by end of day today.

Summer Camps 2026 ..... Dr. Griffin

Dr. Ennis discussed the need to have a comprehensive summer camp calendar. If summer camps were not stacked, community children could attend more camps throughout the summer. Dr. Ennis requested Cabinet members bring a tentative summer camp schedule to the next Cabinet meeting for further discussion.

INFORMATIONAL/CALENDAR ITEMS:

- Town Hall, September 9, 3:30 p.m., Jacob Conference Center
- Centennial Reception, September 14, 5:00 p.m., President's Home
- Centennial Celebration, September 15, 1:00 p.m., BPAC
- Centennial Celebration reception, September 15, 2:00 p.m., BPAC
- Centennial Celebration Time Capsule Ceremony, September 15, 3:00 p.m., BPAC
- DSU Statesmen Football vs. Erskine College, September 27, 6:00 p.m., Parker Field

NEXT MEETING:

- Next Cabinet Meeting – Monday, October 6, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.
- Next Cabinet Meeting Topic – TBD

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.