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Subject: UT Arlington President Resigns Because Of Admissions Issues/Financial Dealings with Academic Partnerships

Randy,

I didn't know if you had seen this article linked below yet so I wanted to pass it along. I wanted to address some possible concerns.

1. We do not have a "direct admin" program or policy. All students must provide transcripts (we will accept unofficial transcripts for the first semester) and those are evaluated by admissions counselors prior to any communication regarding admission. We focus on speed from application to admission but we have no "fast-track" nor has AP ever asked us to adopt such an approach.
2. No one has ever traveled with AP. President Burrage went to a holiday diner at the owner of AP's (Randy Best) house and Kyle Stafford and I went to Dallas for an AP meeting and they took us and the 50 or so others participants out to diner. When I take staff down to Dallas or when they visit, they buy lunch. We have started a new initiative where AP will pay for Lauren Rowland's travel to Native American events and conferences to recruit for our programs. Her first trip was going to be Gathering of Nations in Albuquerque but that event was canceled.
3. In the Dallas Morning News, it talked about AP making large donations to UTA. At my request, AP gave us \$25,000 to split the cost of paying faculty to develop 7-week online general education courses. The University matched the gift. Two faculty (Dr. Kate Shannon and Dr. Kathy Boothe) have received small grants to test out new learning technologies. They have sponsored a team (\$1,000) at Presidential Partners for the last two years. They are currently providing us with 50 additional Zoom accounts during the pandemic.
4. It's not in the article, but in the investigation it was noted AP paid the UT-Arlington President to talk to other schools. I have been a reference for AP to other schools but I have never been paid.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions about our working relationship with Academic Partnerships.

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