

President's Cabinet Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2023

1. Student Guests: Maggie Porter and Joshua Havener: Maggie Porter is a second year Nursing student that was motivated to become a nurse when her grandmother fell ill. Dr. Whaley asked if she had decided on a specialty. She stated that, so far, she has especially enjoyed her clinicals in pediatrics and oncology. She told the cabinet members that the best thing about Roane State is that you can always get help from anyone. She related a time when a college janitor helped her find a classroom. Noting that this might be difficult, she said that one improvement would be to give Nursing students more options to choose their preferred teaching location. She also noted that students should be reminded about online textbook codes that might be required, especially if they have purchased used books. Maggie wants to continue for her BSN, then become a nurse practitioner, and then get a law degree. Ayden (Joshua) Havener is originally from Jacksonville, Florida. He is a Navy veteran and worked at Y-12. Now, his ultimate goal is to be a wildlife and fisheries park ranger or a wildlife biologist. He takes most of his classes at the Morgan County campus. He echoed Maggie's sentiment about the best part of Roane State, noting that help is consistent from campus to campus. He was caught during a transition period in Veteran's Services; however, he stated that Kat Baker had been extremely helpful once she started working with him. He thinks Facebook is a good way to connect and recruit adults and suggested an Open Night for adults to help them break down the potential program pathways.
2. Affirmative Action Updates: Tamra Oliver reported that there will be multiple changes coming based on the recent Supreme Court ruling on race-based admissions. This will also impact Access & Diversity funding and guidelines. She will continue to update the cabinet and appropriate departments.
3. Required Training Update: Keri Phillips and Tamra Oliver are working to consolidate the platform for both IT training and Title VI/IX training. All training will be on the KnowB4 platform, accessible from a single sign on. The timeline for completion will also be the same, but the window will be much shorter. Once the platform is open (end of September), employees will have until November 6 to complete before accounts will be locked. This will get everything done before the college closes for the holiday break. Dr. Whaley will mention today in the open forum and his next video. Keri will also bring to the next Administrative Council.