

President's Cabinet Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2022

1. Student Guest: Matthew Scarbrough is a first semester freshman from Harriman, following a civil engineering track. He wants to transfer to TTU. He chose this major because he loves Math and wants a job where he can work outside. He would love to work on the environmental side, possibly on bridges and dams. He loves his success coach and says all his professors have been very approachable. He likes having a mixed on ground and online schedule. He likes working with other students and believes that it is very helpful for learning. He and his friends utilize the group study rooms in the library, and they plan to attend basketball games. He believes that his RSCC experience is preparing him well for transfer to TTU. Like many other students, he didn't really understand or access the legend on the class schedule, so he was unaware that "R" stands for Thursday.
2. Knox Campus Update: Final design approval should be completed in December. Site remediation work is done, and following approval of the land transfer, a land transfer ceremony will be in January. Ground-breaking will likely be in February or March. A campaign cabinet meeting is scheduled for next Monday. We will need to work with Covenant to decide on building naming, which needs TBR approval. Once submitted, no name changes are permitted. The SIM Center director position has been posted, and the consultant hired from UT will be able to help us evaluate applicants.
3. Cumberland Campus Update: TBR is understaffed and behind in the facilities office, so we are still waiting on contractor bid approval. Scott Niermann will be putting together a one-pager information sheet to share with community members wishing to do fundraising.
4. Fentress Campus Update: TBR has scheduled a meeting with RSCC and Dwight Murphy regarding programs for the shared facility. Roane State is the lead institution at the facility and will have at least one healthcare related program offered at the site in addition to a multi-purpose science lab.
5. Policy PA-05-01 – Family and Medical Leave: Cabinet approved minor editorial changes to align with TBR, including an updated link to TBR policy.
6. Cyber Incident Tabletop Exercise: Keri Phillips reported that the IT department met with Public Relations for several hours to work out first steps needed in the event of a cyberattack. Among the first things to consider would be social media posts, since so much communication takes place through those venues. Much more needs to be considered to ensure effective and timely communication. Keri suggested perhaps designating a technician to interact with each campus to facilitate coordination among all campuses. More such exercises will be scheduled.
7. Mike Crowley has been appointed Veteran's Coordinator. He will begin November 16.
8. Faculty Senate has requested that a "need" fund be set up for faculty and staff. This will likely need to run through the Roane State Foundation. A committee will develop parameters for the fund.
9. Veteran's Day ceremonies are scheduled for November 11 at 11:00 a.m. Eastern at the Roane County Campus.