

President's Cabinet Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2023

1. Student Guest: Lydia Nabors is a Business major with a 4.0 GPA with plans to transfer to TTU. She currently works in the Business Office. Her success coach experience has been strong, including transition to a new coach. She had a good experience with dual enrollment courses her senior year of high school and was able to receive credit for COLS 1010. She prefers communication via email and explained that she saves emails from PR about events into a special folder. As far as improvement suggestions, she indicated that some instructor communication could be better, stating that some of her instructors were not responsive or helpful when contacted for help. She also noted some confusion regarding elective between what is noted in DegreeWorks, what is required by TTU, and what was recommended by her advisors.
2. Veterans Affairs Policy: Kat Baker reported that RSCC was randomly selected by the Dept. of Defense Veterans Affairs to complete a self-assessment. Included in this document are several questions that could not be answered appropriately until we could demonstrate a policy that addressed: 1) no incentives to recruit service members; 2) no multiple unsolicited contacts to service members; and 3) steps for readmission of service members. TBR is working on their own policy, but we have been advised to develop our own in the interim since the self-assessment is due April 11. The policy SA-07-01 was approved by Cabinet.
3. ATD Community Vibrancy Project: Dr. Whaley briefly introduced materials from the upcoming ATD project that Roane State will be engaged in with 16 other ATD colleges. The goals of the project are to align programs with community market demand, eliminate equity gaps, and create greater opportunities for upward mobility. A guidebook for pre-reading was shared with Cabinet.
4. GA-21-04 Food and Drink in Classroom Policy: This policy has been presented to Faculty Senate for review. Provisions include: All general classrooms except those with carpet will be open to food/drink; all labs need consensus of everyone who uses the lab; no food/drink permitted if it violates OSHA requirements. Cabinet approved.
5. PA-22-02 Academic Freedom and Responsibility Policy: This review cleaned up outdated language, removed specific pronouns, and added language that aligns with SACSCOC standards. A statement was added that freedoms extend to all individuals regardless of tenure status. The policy needs to go to TBR legal for review before approval.
6. Campus Projects: The groundbreaking for Knox County campus now has a target date no earlier than July to accommodate new gift announcements and schedules. The land transfer should be finalized in June; Covenant must approve the campus and building name prior to finalization. A meeting will be set up with TBR legal, RSCC and Covenant representatives for this purpose. Public Relations is working on a billboard in Fentress County to reinforce Roane State as the lead institution for the new campus. Communication regarding Middle College from external sources needs to be reviewed in this regard.