

President's Cabinet Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2020

1. Chief Kain reported a successful drive-through COVID-19 testing event at the ORBC parking lot on Sunday, April 26. 974 tests were administered and no safety issues needed to be addressed during the day. So far, no additional RSCC sites have been requested by the health department, likely because there are larger parking lots at other venues in other counties.
2. Robin Townson reported she had participated in a conference call with the TN Department of Education regarding distribution of CARES Act funds for students. New guidance states that funds will only be available for students who are Title IV eligible and meet some additional requirements (can't be in loan default, for example). Robin indicated that it will be almost impossible to identify these students accurately without a FAFSA on file. Once TBR gives institutions the common parameters for fund distribution and the "green light" to do so, the best way to communicate to students will need to be determined.
3. Scott Niermann reported that the Foundation is working on plans to provide access to emergency aid, particularly for students in need who may not be eligible for CARES Act funds. The Foundation will work with the Financial Aid office and the Dean of Students to coordinate emergency aid.
4. Diane Ward has worked with the deans to develop a plan for the nine academic programs that need to bring students back to campus for final skills testing. Limited access to accomplish this testing will begin May 4 at Roane County, ORBC, and the Clinton Higher Education and Training Center. Plans include scheduling to accommodate physical distancing, provision of masks, and cleaning of surfaces between each scheduled test. The buildings will not be open to any other faculty or staff.
5. The Dean of Students and Student Services staff continue to work with students to uncover needs. Success Coaches are reaching out to students, and calls are being made by frontline staff and site directors to students that do not have a success coach.
6. The Roane State Foundation will fund yard signs for graduates and is working to have them ready close to the date of our originally scheduled commencement.