

President's Cabinet Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2020

1. Student preferred names in Momentum/Raidernet: Dr. Matt Waters came to Cabinet to discuss the possibility of students using a preferred name for everyday interactions/communications. For many students, the official name in Banner is not the name that they regularly use, and using preferred name would be easier for faculty grading, communication/engagement with students, etc. Keri Phillips indicated that there is a place in Banner for students to change to a preferred name, although it would not change for legal documents such as financial aid, diplomas, etc. (TBR student affairs sub-council is also looking into this issue. Keri will investigate how name changes may affect Banner uploads to Momentum.
2. Partnership with Georgia Tech: Jamie Stringer updated Cabinet on several projects currently in the works with Georgia Tech. The first has been in progress for two years. This project revolves around how to use Artificial Intelligence (AI) to help success coaches with the onboarding process so they can spend more quality time with students. Georgia Tech researchers interviewed us about our processes and are not looking at interactions/interfaces with Banner and Salesforce. The first product will be data visualizations as a basis for taking data and turning it into visual, universal design prototype solutions. The second project is the development of a contextualized schedule that would take data about a person and suggest the best things for them to do, including reminders. 20-30 students will be paid to participate in this study when ready. A third project is titled MARGO ("edge/frontier" in Latin). This involves the creation of a regional center in Tennessee for outside stakeholders to explore online learning. This will involve a research component done with partners such as UT, ORAU, MIT, or the laboratories in Oak Ridge, and a teaching lab component. The center would be exploring new ways to do instructional design and delivery without dependence on a learning management system (LMS) and would combine educational psychology, classroom management, as well as Cloud computing/hosting. TBR is helping to fund consultants for this project that will be proposed to state government.
3. First-time student Momentum training: Diane and the deans will work on a Getting Started/Read Me First document.
4. Athletics Update: PAC members met last week and have approved plans A & B for spring semester. Plan A will allow athletes to travel with overnight stays. Under Plan B, east teams would play east; west would play west – with no overnight travel. TBR is not permitting teams to host out-of-state teams. Reminder: any fundraisers for athletics need to be run by Shelley Esquivel, Scott Niermann, and Sarah Self.
5. Mobile Device Policy: Keri has updated the policy to address an audit issue and to reflect good practice. Elements that were more related to the procurement process have been deleted. Keri will send to TBR legal for approval.
6. SOAR student award: SGA President Eli Anderson will be our nominee.
7. Fentress Campus Open House: The Open House is scheduled for October 9, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Central Time. Local and state officials as well as TBR representative will be in attendance.\
8. SACSCOC: RSCC has received the official decennial reaffirmation letter.
9. 50th Anniversary: Banners have been received, and Tamsin Miller is putting together a plan to distribute them