

President's Cabinet Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2021

1. Active Shooter Exercise: David Blevins reported that the Paramedic class has signed on to participate as victims, so we now have approximately 25 volunteers. Planning meetings are scheduled for August 24 and September 7 at 3:00 p.m. A full schedule has been sent to Chief Turner, who is our external coordinator and after-action evaluator. Teresa Duncan and Sandy Vann are making arrangements for box lunches at 11:00. The biggest factor now is to take the pulse of COVID, since this will bring 70-80 people on campus. If we lose the community emergency responders due to COVID, we will have to re-schedule the entire event. Go/no-go decision to be made either 8/24 or 9/7.
2. HEERF Funds: We will open the survey early for equal distribution of available funds (factoring +15% for Pell eligible). Students must have a pin number to qualify. In addition to posting information on the webpage, students receive an alert about the survey as soon as they register. We will need to reach out to students who don't answer both questions to determine how they want funds applied. Tamra Oliver (bursar) indicated that most survey respondents are requesting funds to be applied to their tuition and fees. Marsha is also holding back 10% of HEERF funds for emergency aid for both terms.
3. Knox Campus Update: A one-page information/position piece is being finalized for use with potential donors. Scott Niermann is preparing a scope-of-work document to solicit proposals for a capital campaign consultant. Dr. Whaley and Teresa Duncan are in discussions with TCAT Knoxville president Kelly Chaney to come to agreement about duplicate credit and non-credit programs in the facility.
4. COVID Protocol Update: TBR is leaving decisions regarding masking, screening, etc. to the institutions. As of this date, TBR General Counsel indicated that faculty members had the discretion to require masks in class as a matter of classroom management; however, that decision was almost immediately reversed. Neither employees nor students may be required to wear masks, and no retaliation may be made for non-compliance. Marsha Mathews reported that air purifiers should be in place by the start of classes.