

President's Cabinet Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2021

1. Student Guest: Erica Walker is a second year student in the Vision Care Technology program who will graduate in May, 2022. She was born and raised in Oak Ridge and now lives in Knoxville. She is a single mom and works two part-time jobs. She loves Roane State and told Cabinet that she could not have gotten this far without the help she has received from the college, including help from the Foundation when she needed brakes for her car and a hot-spot. She has done work-study at the Food Pantry in Oak Ridge and frequently uses the service herself. She indicated that it is difficult to see the white boards during Zoom classes. She loves being on campus and wishes there were more comfortable study areas.
2. Key permissions: State audit has recommended that we think about employees having the least amount of access possible from a security standpoint. In order to weigh this recommendation against some requests from personnel for additional key access, Cabinet will defer the discussion for the first of the year to include Internal Auditor Cynthia Cortesio and the new Director of Public Safety.
3. Classroom Utilization: Marsha Mathews would like to propose future discussion of classroom utilization. Are there situations where classrooms can be re-purposed, Zoom enabled, etc. rather than new brick and mortar facilities for standing up new programs?
4. New Security Cameras: Chris Faulk gave Cabinet a demonstration of new security cameras being piloted at the Roane County Campus. There are 90 new cameras that have advanced features such as facial and upper/lower body recognition and other search capabilities. The system has larger cloud storage and can set alerts for autos or individuals. Marsha Mathews indicated that once we have completed the project to replace all the campus doors, this will be the next security project. Potential camera/privacy issues will be taken care of through the offices of Campus Police and General Counsel.
5. Campbell/Scott Tour: Each of the campuses has been beautifully decorated for the event December 16. Employees are encouraged to sign up so transportation can be arranged.
6. Anderson County Ribbon Cutting: The ceremony December 10 will take place in the TAT bay at the rear of the building. Tamsin Miller is asking that attendees arrive at 1:00. The Governor is scheduled to arrive at 1:45.
7. Knox County Update: Tamsin Miller is meeting weekly with the design firm. They will also be meeting with the RSCC IT team December 7.