

President's Cabinet Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2022

1. Wall of Honor: Dr. Whaley would like to establish some means of honoring RSCC faculty and staff who have made significant contributions to the college. Tamsin Miller will head up a committee to develop criteria for submissions, a submission evaluation process, aesthetic standards for the "wall," etc. The eventual design would be consistent across all campuses.
2. Commencement Update: Currently over 500 students have committed to attend. Regent Dani Varlan will give a live welcome on behalf of TBR during the ceremony that she attends. There was discussion about possibly using the video wall for overflow, but Amy Keeling indicated that families want to stay close to the gym, preferring to use the overflow classrooms instead of the theatre.
3. Enrollment Update: At approximately 10% into the registration timeline, we are currently up 27.6% HC and 30.4% FTE. The target goal for registration is to meet the numbers for 2019. Jamie Stringer predicted that we may be 200-300 students shy of meeting that goal.
4. Knox Campus Update: There was a meeting last week with Covenant's property division representative, Barber McMurray, and Dick Tracey from TBR's facilities division. The major topic of discussion was the projected need for parking, especially since Covenant may want to use some of those spaces for their employees.
5. Fentress Campus Update: Diane Ward will plan to schedule meetings with the Fentress school system to discuss program needs/interests. Possibilities include teacher education, early childhood education, and agriculture. Tamsin Miller has submitted to TBR another planning DB for 49,000 square feet since we received \$25 million in funding instead of the anticipated \$14 million.
6. Athletic Facility: Water has been turned on and a grinder pump installed. The project is waiting for door locks, roll up doors, and windows to be installed. An open house will be scheduled in August.
7. Budget Update: We are still waiting for guidance regarding distribution of the appropriated 4% salary increase. Marsha Mathews has polled other community colleges; of six responding so far, all would like to do an across-the-board COLA; one wants to do 3% COLA and 1% toward their salary plan.