

President's Cabinet Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2023

1. SOAR Award: We will submit Denso for the Partnership Award.
2. Veteran Wave Update: Diane Ward reported that the Veteran's Day ceremony would take place in the Vann Student Center if it rains. Everyone on campus can attend, including students. The vice presidents are asked to inform faculty/staff in their areas, and Dr. Whaley will announce at today's forum. Dr. Whaley will be master of ceremonies and a script is being prepared for him. Dr. Goff has accepted an invitation to attend.
3. Student Guest: Keri Phillips introduced Justin Mason, a first-year student from Cumberland County High School who takes most of his classes at the Cumberland County campus. Justin is hoping to enroll in the Radiology Technology program. His girlfriend lost her life to ALS, which motivated him to go into a medical field. He thinks the best thing about Roane State is that there is always someone available to help. He enjoys working with other students like he does in Mary Ann Sexton's A&P class.
4. Enrollment Update: Jamie Stringer reported that spring registration has started. Diane Ward stated that she would hold to a 4-credit hour maximum for Winter Term unless the student has a distinct plan and gets her permission.
5. New Employees/New Positions: Joyce Marsalis has accepted the position of Director of Human Resources. She will be working to get more forms that can be completed online. Lynzee Patrick is now serving as success coach/coordinator of Veterans' Services. Vicki Wilson has accepted the position of Assistant Director of Student Success. In this role, Vicki will also be a backup for Tanya Shephard in the One-Stop.
6. Upcoming Legislative Luncheon Update: The luncheon is scheduled for November 13 at 11:00 a.m. Eastern in Goff 107. We have invited Mechatronics students as well as an Early College student. The program will thank the legislators for funding for projects, campus safety, and operations. Presentation topics will be related to funding for Middle College scholarships, the nuclear technology program, and progress on the Knox facility.
7. Facilities Projects Update:
 - a. The Cumberland Campus addition is under roof and will be ready for a fall 2024 opening. The addition is 5,000 square feet and includes a multi-purpose science lab, a nursing lab, and 2 classrooms.
 - b. Fentress Campus: Cheryl Tays has been hired as the new site director. The schematic design (mechanical, electrical, architectural) was completed in September. Design development has started. TBR requested a revised exterior design which has been completed. A groundbreaking will be scheduled for spring 2024 with a projected fall 2025 opening. TCAT will offer EMT basic and Paramedic will be the RSCC signature program at the site.
 - c. Knox County campus: The facility will be 133,000 square feet. We will start ordering equipment early 2024 because of long lead times. A meeting is scheduled with Parkwest Hospital to discuss the possibility to use space at the hospital if the building is not ready in time for fall 2025 and/or to accommodate expanded programming fall 2024. Scott Niermann reported that the campaign has made several major funding requests.

- d. TCAT Crossville and TCAT Livingston are merging under President Cliff Wightman. RSCC will be taking over responsibility for campus police/safety.
- e. RSCC Observatory: A meeting is scheduled for January 2024 to discuss long-term planning for the observatory.