

Executive Council Minutes

August 10, 2020

Present: Dr. Peggy Doss, Alex Becker, Dr. Moses Goldmon, Crystal Halley, Linda Rushing, Bob Ware, Jeff Weaver, Padraic McMeel, Christy Pace

1. COVID Testing/Contact Tracing – Dr. Doss

Mainline is set up on campus and operational for COVID testing. They are not doing contact tracing, but are working through ADH/UAMS to provide the case results. MOA's for other health care providers are in progress.

2. Athletics/NCAA Updates – Mr. McMeel

Discussion regarding athletics continues to take place with the NCAA as well as with the GAC Presidents, Athletics Directors, etc. If fall sports are cancelled, there will be several activities impacted including homecoming, tailgating, parent/family day, alumni awards, and sports hall of fame.

3. Housing Update and Move-In – Dr. Goldmon

Residence Hall Assistants are currently on campus and completing training. Move-in begins August 14 and will continue over a 4-5 day period.

4. Freshman Orientation – Dr. Goldmon

Orientation modules have been created and uploaded in Blackboard. About 80 students accessed the courses over the weekend. There will be four in-person freshman orientation sessions held in the Fine Arts Center on 8/18/20.

5. Academic Update/Mode of Delivery Report – Ms. Halley

Professional Development Week started today with the focus on new faculty and professional staff. The week will consist of several zoom meetings as well as prerecorded sessions. Wellness bags have been delivered to faculty. Plexiglass shields have been installed in classrooms.

6. Enrollment and Financial Aid Update – Mr. Becker

An update was provided on enrollment. Due to the resignation of the Financial Aid Director, Frank Porto will resume the duties of this position until a replacement is hired. Last week, 659 students had not completed their FAFSA. That number is now under 400. Executive Council members voted to approve the drop date be changed to August 25.