

Executive Council Minutes

August 24, 2020

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

1. Athletics – Mr. McMeel

A request was made for an exception to Operating Procedure 510.2 for two student athletes to receive athletic-related aid as well as a fifth year scholarship. The Executive Council voted to deny this request, which is in violation of the policy, since all aid can be covered from the athletic budget.

A draft Athletics Opt-Out Form was presented, which informs student athletes of what opting out of participation means. Changes will be made to the form and sent to the Executive Council for review.

2. Campus Security Report – Chief Kidwell

It appears that most students are following the procedures of wearing masks and social distancing. Vice Chancellors should remind their employees to wear masks. Several PPE items that were ordered through the State have not yet been received, such as Lysol spray.

3. CT Crossett – Ms. Rushing

An update for the Crossett campus was provided. Concurrent students started this morning. The schedule is still being finalized. Hospitality courses have been cancelled due to low enrollment.

4. CT McGehee – Mr. Ware

An update was given for the McGehee campus. Procedures are continuing to be followed to help reduce the spread of the virus.

5. Finance – Mr. Becker

Information on enrollment and financial aid was discussed. As a reminder, one in three FAFSA applications are selected for verification. There are currently 311 students who have missing documents. A status was given on posting institutional and private scholarships.

Due to more take-out dining, an increase in trash pick-up is needed. Vice Chancellors were asked to notice areas around campus that may need cleaning and/or more trash receptacles.

6. Student Engagement Update – Dr. Goldmon

The support shown during welcome week activities was appreciated. The team and volunteers who helped during this time were commended for their work. The number of students living in residence halls, 462, is up from last year, which was 415. A weekly newsletter will be sent out to students from the Counselor, beginning this week.

7. Advancement – Mr. Weaver

Details were provided on draft MOA's for health care providers. It was noted that testing completed on campus by Mainline is only for employees and students; and those being tested will not receive a bill.

An update was given on grants that have been awarded, or are in the process of being submitted.

8. Commencement – Ms. Halley

Possible dates were discussed for fall commencement.