

Pandemic Response Team

August 26, 2020

Zoom

9:00 a.m.

Attendees:

Dr. George Pimentel, President
Dr. Larry Bailey, Vice President of Academic Affairs
Steve Cornelison, Director of Athletics
Patrick Davis, Dean of Academic Support
Tim Dellinger, Vice President of Financial and Administrative Affairs
Meda Falls, Director of Savannah Center
Heather Freeman, Administrative Assistant to the President
Jessica Gelinas, Classified Council Chair
Robin Marek, Interim Vice President of Student Services
Shannon Mayo, Director of Paris Site
John McCommon, Director of Public Relations and Marketing
Linda Nickell, Dean of Students
Dr. Tom Pigg, Dean of Health Sciences and CIT
Lisa Rojas, Director of Humboldt Center
Will Shull, Professional Technical Council Chair
Sandy Stanfill, Director of Lexington Center
Candyce Sweet, Faculty Council Chair
Preston Turner, Director of Physical Plant
Dr. Leslie West Sands, Dean of Nursing
Amy West, Director of Human Resources
Shane Young, Chief of Police

Absent:

Janiah Kyle, SGA Representative - Class

- **Welcome:**
Dr. Pimentel began the meeting.

- **Announcement:**
The 9:00 meeting scheduled on Wednesday, September 2 will be moved to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 1.

- **Case Report Updates:**
 - **TBR Report update for Thursday, August 13 – Wednesday, August 19**
(Headcount are unduplicated numbers from the COVID screening files.)
 - On campus headcount of Faculty and Staff: 191
 - On campus headcount of Students: 126
 - Active Covid-19 cases among faculty and staff: 0
 - Active Covid-19 cases students: 1

- Active Covid-19 cases for contractors or students in workforce development training: 0
- **Point of Contact updates**
 - Two students submitted a “yes” response on the screening questions this morning. One student misread the question. The other tested positive, but is past quarantine timeframe. Several students are reporting exposures to their faculty and deans. The faculty and deans are forwarding information to the Dean of Students. Those students are following quarantine protocols.
 - The Human Resource Office is doing a lot of contact tracing. The Tennessee Department of Health has new guidelines for close contact to assist with contact tracing.
- **Facemasks:**
Public Relations and Marketing should receive sample masks soon. Several from the Team volunteered to review the products prior to finalizing an order.
- **Student access and traffic flow:**
Gate entrances for employees and students were changed to better accommodate students and safe traffic flow. The first few days have gone well with no major issues. Deans chose green stickers to place on the student hang tags to easily identify students with hybrid classes. Once the stickers are disbursed, traffic flow will improve.

Yesterday, as students called into Student Services, they were asked to please come to campus. We want to get as many on campus to register as possible. These students are going through the COVID screening process.

We need to highlight helping the students. Students should not be asked to leave campus to set an appointment and come back to campus. If they are here, can complete the COVID screening without concern, then we should be assisting while they are on campus.

- **Cleaning of Facilities**
As additional classrooms are used for the fall, please contact Physical Plant. They want to ensure rooms are cleaned after use.
- **Athletics**
There were several questions discussed concerning Athletics. This will be a topic at the September 1 meeting.