

Pandemic Response Team

December 9, 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

Barbara Lane, Classified Council Representative

Robin Marek, Interim Vice President of Student Services

Dr. Liz Mayo, Faculty Council Representative

Shannon Mayo, Coordinator 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 Representative

Sandy Stanfill, Director of Lexington Center

Preston Turner, Director of Physical Plant

Amy West, Director of Human Resources

Dr. Leslie West Sands, Dean of Nursing

Shane Young, Chief of Police

Absent:

Janiah Kyle, SGA Representative

- **Welcome**

Dr. Pimentel began the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

- **Case Report Updates:**

- Employee Report:

Number of employee positives: 1

Number of employees in quarantine: 7

Several have recovered and returned to campus.

Some of the quarantine are nine month faculty. While the semester is almost over, the cases are being tracked for quarantine numbers.

- Student Report:
 - Number of student positives: 5
 - Three will come off isolation today.
 - Number of students in quarantine: 0

- Guest:
 - No reports from visitors.

- Off campus sites:
 - Students are still making appointments, but no reports with exposure or COVID-19 positives.

- **Discussion**
 - Dr. Pimentel thanked those that volunteered to take shifts with local medical facilities by the request of the Governor's Unified Command Group. We already had several faculty that serve PRN, as the situation demands.
 - The UT System is requiring a COVID-19 vaccine for on campus housing. We will update others as THEC and TBR provide guidance on vaccine requirements.
 - The Center for Disease Control and Prevention is shortening the recommended quarantine period from 14 days after a person has been exposed to the coronavirus, offering two alternatives. The first alternative is to end quarantine after 10 days if no symptoms are reported. The second option is to end quarantine after seven days if an individual tests negative and also reports no symptoms.

Jackson-Madison County Regional Health Department is still recommending the 14 day quarantine.

The team decided to continue following local guidance of the Jackson-Madison County Regional Health Department and follow the 14 day quarantine.

 - A facility request was brought before the group. The workshop would be held in May for current health science students with no outside guests other than the speaker. All were supportive of following current safety protocols and moving forward with the event.
 - JSCC masks are still available. If there are new adjuncts or new employees that need a mask, please contact Human Resources.
 - We have one more meeting scheduled for next week. We may need to cancel for the VPSS interviews or cancel if no new business. If there is something that comes up, please reach out to the President's Office or to the Pandemic Response Team.