

PRESIDENT'S CABINET MEETING
January 28, 2025
MINUTES

CALLED TO ORDER

9:04 am

ADJOURNED

10:17 am

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bob Austin, Kevin Ball, Jamelle Conner, Denese Skinner, Chris Sharp, Joe Bill Sherrod, Dr. Frank Sobey, Mark White

MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

Ally Greenwood, Executive Assistant, recorder
Chief Aaron Huddleston

DISCUSSION:

1. FRA Flooding and Waterline Update	SHARP
<p>Mr. Sharp provided Dr. Conner with some background on the flooding situation at the First Responders Academy. Mr. Sharp continued that at this point the carpet has been dried out and everything should be fixed in about a week.</p> <p>Mr. Sharp also provided Cabinet with an update on the issue with the chemical contamination. The city health department is monitoring the situation. The problem has been fixed. The cost for the medical bills is being covered by the sub contractor's insurance. Mr. Sharp stated that the college had an engineer go through and inspect the fix with the city. Cabinet discussed lessons learned from this experience and the plan going forward if something like this occurs again. Mr. Austin stated that everyone needs to know what the plan is when something serious happens. Mr. Sharp stated that we have an emergency response team that is made up of a lot of different people from different campuses and that Chief Huddleston chairs it. Mr. White discussed that we need to think about our protocol going forward.</p>	
<p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Skinner will send Dr. Conner the full incident report.• Mr. Sharp stated he would get with Chief Huddleston to get with him on the emergency response plan.	
2. Accommodations for Pregnant and Parenting Students	WHITE
<p>Mr. White discussed a recent update to the students' rights and responsibilities handbook, which was revised in response to changes in the legislative session. The updated version contains no major changes and does not require Board of Regents approval. Cabinet approved the policy change.</p> <p>Cabinet also discussed how the ARC will handle accommodation requests from pregnant and parenting students. Dr. Sobey commented that it will be important for Ms. Jordan Herrera, Director of Social Services and the ARC, to give faculty the opportunity to ask questions.</p>	
<p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•	

3. Other Discussion Federal Grants Bus Drivers	CABINET
<p>Cabinet discussed concerns over the White House internal memo regarding pauses on certain federal aid and grants, specifically its unclear duration. Dr. Sobey stated that Pell grants are exempt from the pause as outlined in the memo and he is most concerned with the federal grants that have personnel.</p> <p>Mr. White discussed that he is working on getting a driver for the new buses that were purchased for the athletic department. Mr. White stated that anyone who drives is covered by our insurance and will do training with Will Ratliff on Title IX.</p> <p>Mr. Austin reminded cabinet that the National Champion in Madden E-sports will be coming to Board. Mr. Christopher George will be presenting a video of the game in action.</p>	
Action Items Ms. Greenwood will get with Mr. George to obtain the video for Board.	