

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM
VIRTUAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021
9:00 A.M.

Those in attendance: Deborah Bordelon, Craig Burgess, Rocky Kettering, Nancy Marino, President Chris Markwood, Todd Reeser, Rick Sears, Gina Sheeks and Ron Williams.

Guests: Carol Clerie, Ted Laskaris, Julio Llanos, Michael Tullier and Shana Young

Ron Williams:

Return to Campus Updates – Julio Llanos and Shana Young –

Nine students are currently in quarantine.

Active Cases	28
Exposure	36
Systematic	8

Shana – received transportation guidelines and will share with Return to Campus Workforce. Received the rehearsal and performance guidelines and will share this information with Return to Campus Workforce. Will also add proposal to open up our rental facilities once this is complete. Need to look at our Outreach Centers too per President Markwood. Need to make sure we have the staff to clean these venues according to CDC guidelines. Also need to add signage around the campus – softball fields, baseball fields, on the screen, etc. to reinforce the wearing of masks on campus. Rick Sears working on proposal to hire a company to deliver meals to students in quarantine. Face coverings will be distributed today to students. Events Committee will be asked to bring recommendations to ELT regarding what kind of events will be approved.

Deborah Bordelon:

Spring Semester started yesterday. Students following the campus guidelines with masks and social distancing.

Enrollment – spring – Head Count – up 179 students from last year, 2.37%, Credit Hours up by 1,047, 1.35% as compared to last year. Undergraduate enrollment up by 86 students and Graduate enrollment up by 93 students as compared to last year at this time.

Honorary Degree Proposal – Bob Koon – Ron working on this paperwork

Follow Up to Chancellor's email of January 21 – Legislative Request – information will be sent – gathering feedback from Deans and Chairs.

SunTrust Scholarship – Deborah will follow up with Sallie to make sure she has made contact with the representative from SunTrust Bank.

All Final Exams for spring will be online.

Ted Laskaris – Craig, Ted and the committee identified three additional candidates to interview for the Chief Information Security Officer position. River Valley Region Broadband survey - request sent out to ELT for consideration. Michael will send Information to Kimberly McElveen for her to review and set up a meeting with Kimberly McElveen to include Craig Burgess.

Gina Sheeks:

Housing Contract will expire on May 11th. Aramark will provide meals through Saturday, May 15th.

Rick Sears:

3rd Party Events – Steve Morse – Cunningham Center, Rankin Events, University Hall and Turner Center – request to reopen these venues. Guidelines going forward for events:

1. Events will not be overbooked.
2. Venue will be set up based on social distancing guidelines.
3. If participants do not follow guidelines, CSU has the right to stop the event.
4. Additional signage will be in place indicating requirement of masks and social distancing.

Steve working closely with Rick to fill vacant custodial service positions to be prepared to meet the CDC guidelines regarding sanitation needs of these facilities. What types of things should we think about for March and going forward for events on campus in our Outreach Centers, Bo Bartlett Center, etc. – need feedback from CSU Events Committee.

ELT recommending to President Markwood to reopen facilities for 3rd party rental – Cunningham Center, Rankin Events, University Hall and Turner Center.
President Markwood approved 1/26,2021.

CSU was approved to implement an installment plan to help students with tuition. If students do not make their payments, students will be withdrawn from their classes. Installment Plan - need to rework deadline date so it works with the deadline date to withdraw from a course. Dr. Bordelon recommends that this information be brought to the Faculty Senate.

Follow up to President Markwood's request – outdoor dining is set up at the Rankin at the RiverPark Campus for our students.

Gap Employees Issue - Carole Clearie:

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Federal government created a temporary program for paid time off under FFCRA (Families First Coronavirus Relief Act). The FFCRA paid leave program expired on Dec. 31, 2020, leaving a gap for employees impacted by the pandemic.

To assist with filling the gap and/or addressing emergency financial hardship for eligible employees, we propose to:

1. Establish an employee Benevolence Financial Fund (BFF) program at Columbus State University (CSU).
2. Increase awareness of the interest-free CSU Employee Loan currently available through Foundation.
3. Expand the student food pantry to include staff and faculty with immediate, emergency needs (or establish a means to provide staff/faculty with need-based emergency food supplies).
4. Request an exception period to allow new enrollments in the USG's Shared Sick Leave program.

Craig will review document for the loan program through the foundation. Ron and Carole will discuss proposal and bring updated proposal back to ELT next week.

Todd Reeser:

Men's Basketball team leading the league in the number of games of participation.

Regular season events will kick off in other sports February 1.

Rocky Kettering:

No updates

Craig Burgess:

No updates

President Markwood:

Off to a good start for Spring Semester. Looking forward to slowly reopening the campus to 3rd party requests. Students at both campuses are abiding by the COVID-19 guidelines.

Ron Williams:

Need to remind your staff about the Ethics Training and the Compliance Training.

Minutes from the January 21 ELT meeting were approved with no corrections.

There being no other business to discuss, meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Nancy Marino

