



President's Executive Cabinet

Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2025

ATTENDEES: Dr. Joe Whitmore, Dr. Greg Randall, Mr. Vann Scott, Mr. Jason Cannon, Mr. David Thompson, Ms. Shelley Smith

Old Business

1. Bevill Renovations
 - There have been about 16 or 17 contractors interested in bidding on the project.
 - Over the next few weeks, a walk-through needs to be done to make sure there are no other items that need to be moved from Bevill.
 - The bid date is Sept. 18. A mandatory pre-bid is slated for the week before.
2. WACI Updates
 - There are not any new updates.
3. Fall Enrollment Update
 - The headcount is currently 2,998, which is 409 more than this time last year.
 - Credit hours are 26,331 and is growing at a faster rate than the headcount. The current total is 2,945 credit hours more than this time last year.
 - Last year, about 80 students were enrolled in classes at WACI for the fall. This fall, the total is 161. Next fall, the goal is to have 200 students enrolled at WACI. About 22.5 percent of the total enrollment are students enrolled in a CTE program.
 - About 10 students are enrolled in aviation courses at the Southern Museum of Flight.
4. Fall Regional Meeting
 - There are no new updates on this.
 - Dr. Whitmore will email a follow-up reminder to employees about the meeting.
 - Mr. Thompson will follow-up with the charter bus company on departure time departure location.

5. Facilities Update

- Mr. Thompson reviewed updates on different facility projects.
- A bid was received on the pews in the Chapel, and the College is waiting to see if the low bidder will come and get them. The bid for the pipe organ is out on GovDeals. Demolition will begin soon as time allows.
- The exterior sign for the Music Building will be installed Thursday.
- Pricing has been reviewed for lighting for Fielder Auditorium.

New Business

1. Perkins Basic Grant Funding

- The funding for the year was \$75,713, which was down from the \$82,000 received last year.
- Dr. Randall sent funding request forms to the employees who utilize Perkins funding to help determine how to allocate the funding.

2. Committee Assignments

- The Cabinet discussed changes to committee assignments. Some of the vacancies to be filled by faculty will be decided by election among faculty.
- The Cabinet tabled approval of the assignments until the elections are concluded.

3. 2025 Chancellor's Awards

- The Cabinet approved the following employees to be in the Chancellor's Awards Class of 2025: Lisa Lee in the Staff Category; Nick Sauls and Dr. Caitlin Dickerson in the Faculty Category, and Tonya Clowdus in the Administrator Category.

4. Website

- Ms. Smith led discussion about updating the website. She has reached out to companies for proposals, and she has contacted students to receive feedback on what they would like to see on the website.
- Mr. Thompson will check with the Business Office to make sure the project fell under a professional service and didn't require a bid process.

5. Scholarships

- The Cabinet reviewed scholarship criteria but determined that Mr. Cannon and Dr. Whitmore should discuss who needs to be included in the conversation before any adjustments are made.

6. Open Discussion

- Dr. Whitmore shared updates from last week's Board of Trustees meeting. The Bevill Center project was on the work session agenda, and there were no questions about the project.