

Chancellor's Cabinet  
Summary Meeting Notes for 9-30-15

Present: Chancellor Henry, Sandy Huguenin, Amelia Harris, Scott Bevins, Robin Benke, Mark Clark, Kathy Still, Sim Ewing, Kendall Rainey, Rusty Necessary, Shannon Walker, Stephanie Perry, Bob Bragg, Shannon Walker and Stephanie Shell

Chancellor Henry reported that the Board of Visitors had approved the College's 6-Year Plan and she said the College's budget requests were moving forward. She said there is a good possibility that additional state funds for new initiatives would be forthcoming. She announced that Dawn Jessee was hired as her executive administrative assistant and that Linda Miller was moved to full-time administrative assistant. The hiring process for a Chief of Staff is progressing.

Scott Bevins reported that he is working on enrollment projection numbers and information needed for the upcoming SACS visit.

Sandy Huguenin said plans are being made for the SACS campus visit this fall and he reported that preparations are going well.

Robin Benke said the library is receiving nearly 600 visits per day.

Mark Clark briefed the Cabinet on his meeting with the Board of Visitors. He said his presentation was received well and that he was able to tell the BOV about the research and projects that students and faculty are working on in Wise. He said he will continue to do the same storytelling at future meetings, and he added that he received reports that the UVa-Wise students who are studying medicine at the University are doing well.

Stephanie Perry reported that open enrollment for insurance benefits begins on Oct. 5 and will end on Oct. 31. Any changes made during open enrollment will go into effect on Jan. 1. A new CommonHealth Program called Don't Sit, Get Fit will be held on Oct. 8. Perry said the Campus would be able to participate in a live-streamed benefits meeting with the University on Oct. 14.

Kathy Still briefed the Cabinet on the various advertisements purchased recently in statewide or nationwide publications, including Virginia Living and Newsweek. College Relations is working on the fall magazine and on other projects, and she reported that the College received many positive articles and broadcast stories recently on a variety of topics.

Sim Ewing briefed the Cabinet on recent meeting with Virginia's Secretary of Education regarding funding issues. He said state officials asked questions related to retention, graduation and outreach programs. The library construction project is close to being on schedule, and he said the dam project near the Prior Center continues to make progress. Ewing said the Governor is looking at a possible bond

package that would fund some higher education projects, but he said there would be an emphasis on projects that are related to STEM-H programs. The College has four projects, Wyllie Library renovation, laboratory wing renovation, theater project and a safety/welcome center, that could be included in the bond package. The blue light safety systems on campus are slated to be changed soon to a different model that could include a camera system as well. Installing new cameras across campus is also being considered. The University is looking at some basic changes in the internal auditing process, and Ewing said that could trickle down to Wise as well.

Kendall Rainey provided fall sports updates and said the new app Cavsswag is popular on campus. The app allows fans to earn reward points when they attend athletic events on campus. She said UVa-Wise recently had two athletes named as Mountain East Conference Players of the Week, and she said Carly Allen is expected to exceed 1,000 kills in volleyball next week.

Rusty Necessary reported that his staff is in full recruitment mode and he said several hundred high school and some middle school students would be visiting campus in coming days. The first Campus Preview day of the term will be held on Oct. 31, and Necessary said a video team will be on campus soon to produce videos that are in the same theme as the recruitment printed pieces used in Admissions. More than 20,000 visits have been made to the Wellness Center facilities, which shows what impact a building or a donor can have on a campus.

Robert Bragg briefed the Cabinet on the recent Foundation Board meeting, and he said his decision to add an academic component to the Board's committee sessions received positive responses. Bragg said he met with the University's Council of Foundations recently to discuss the University's upcoming campaign that would coincide with the University's bicentennial celebration. He reported that he has asked Don Sharritt to meet with department chairs to get a wish list of needs. Bragg also briefed the Cabinet on the upcoming Homecoming events.

Shannon Walker briefed the group on recent student government activities, including a Twitter Challenge. She also outlined the student events associated with Homecoming. Walker also reported that the SGA planned to give away some Clinch Valley College-themed shirts during the last home football game this season since the game would fall on a Throwback Thursday.

Amelia Harris provided an update of the SACS process, and she said the upcoming research symposiums with Emory and Henry College and COPLAC would give students a chance to showcase their work.

Stephanie Shell reported that the annual security report and fire safety report were distributed across campus.

The meeting was adjourned.