

**University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville**  
**Administrative Cabinet Meeting**  
**February 4, 2022 / 3:00 p.m.**  
**Via TEAMS**  
**Minutes**  
**Special Called Meeting**

Members present were Dr. Anne Austin, Ms. Mandy Walker, Mr. Zach Perrine, and Dr. Brian Shonk. Cabinet recorder, Ms. Jodie Hightower, was also present.

Dr. Shonk called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**COVID Guidelines Discussion** – Dr. Shonk asked the group to discuss current guidelines in light of recent communication from other presidents and chancellors as well as information received from the health department. Ms. Hightower updated the group about information conveyed on a conference call earlier today between the health department and higher education. Ms. Hightower reported that the health department and Division of Higher Education indicated they would not be issuing guidance 1) on whether to follow CDC general public guidelines or the previously adopted 10-day isolation period recommended for college populations; 2) how long to continue tracking positive cases; 3) if colleges and universities should conduct internal contact tracing; 4) if colleges and universities should follow the latest guidance from Arkansas Department of Education that does not require quarantine for probable close contacts; or 5) when to discontinue treating COVID separately from other illnesses like flu. Ms. Hightower said that both the ADHE and ADH said these need to be local decisions and they would not be issuing specific guidance.

Dr. Shonk said he has received an email from another chancellor asking about the policies on other campuses. He said it seems most are moving to a 5-day isolation period consistent with CDC general public guidelines. The group discussed various options for campus.

*Dr. Shonk moved to continue requiring masks indoors, adopt the CDC 5-day isolation guidance, and to only track positive cases. Mr. Perrine seconded the motion and the motion carried.*

On Monday, Dr. Shonk will notify campus via his weekly campus communication email, and he requested that Mr. Perrine also notify students through his weekly email to students.

**Inclement Weather** – Campus was closed both Thursday, February 3 and Friday, February 4, 2022 due to inclement weather including freezing rain, sleet and snow. The group discussed whether to open campus on Saturday for the library. The group decided to keep campus and the library closed Saturday, as there were still areas on campus covered with precipitation. They decided to open the library for Sunday Study Stop from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Campus will return to regular business on Monday, February 7, 2022. Dr. Shonk will notify campus via email to be sent this evening about 6 p.m.

**\*\*Hiring Committee Selections (if needed) –**

Dr. Shonk requested a hiring committee be selected for the new truck driving faculty. He recommended Mr. Zach Harber, as chair of the committee with Ms. Tina Goodman, Mr. Chris Middleton, Ms. Sharon Gage, and Ms. Alexas Sterling as committee members. The group agreed with this recommendation.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Ms. Jodie Hightower.*