

Staff Council Meeting  
Minutes  
April 19, 2023

Peggie Greer called the meeting to order in the absence of Summer Aldridge

Members Present:

Josh Baldwin  
Drew Cooper  
Kate Douglas  
Peggie Greer  
Tony Hardesty  
Kim Johnson  
Nicole Nieman  
Brenda Kessinger  
Shiloh Young

Member absent: Summer Aldridge

This meeting was solely dedicated to the purpose of discussing campus security/safety. Morgan Russelburg spoke about security based on her knowledge when she was at Brescia and their buildings were all locked down except for the front door of the Moore Center.

The buildings at Brescia were locked and card swipes were used for entrance. She said most students already carried their I.D. card but for those who didn't it only took 2 to 3 months for them to become accustomed to carrying their I.D.'s to gain entrance into the buildings. She feels we could do more to improve security. If we had an actual shooter on campus by the time it takes for people to realize what is happening, and lock down their classroom, they could already be dead. Slowing down a shooter is the key. If the shooter comes to a building that is locked, they will go on to the next and if all the buildings they come across are locked they would possibly move on or by that time the police will have had time to arrive.

Shiloh mentioned that all the resident life buildings have card swipes, but the students (or possibly others) have figured out how to override them.

Drew Cooper noted that a door which faces Avenue of Champions has been unlocked at 2:00 a.m. when they have gotten back to campus from an away game and one of the doors does not even lock. He also mentioned Jim Griffith, a board of trustee member and former police officer, could probably walk the campus and let us know how we could improve on safety.

It was discussed that the outside needs additional lighting. There are several dark spots. The security cameras don't always pick up activity. They are not motion detected.

Having good security or working toward a good security system on campus would help Admissions in recruiting. This is something a lot of parents look for when visiting college campuses.

Motion was made and seconded by Tony Hardesty to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 1:40.

Submitted by,

Peggie Greer