



ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

March 10, 2022

Roaden University Center, Room 282

MINUTES

Meeting was streamed live via link found on this web page:

<https://www.tntech.edu/board/board-and-board-committee-meetings.php>

AGENDA ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

The Tennessee Tech Board of Trustees Academic & Student Affairs Committee met on March 10, 2022 in Roaden University Center, Room 282. Chair Rhedona Rose called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

Chair Rose asked Mr. Lee Wray, Secretary, to call the roll. The following members were present:

- Rhedona Rose
- Dan Allcott
- Hannah Willis
- Barry Wilmore

Other board members also in attendance were Trudy Harper, Tom Jones, Thomas Lynn, and Johnny Stites. Fred Lowery and Teresa Vanhooser attended virtually. A quorum was present. Tennessee Tech faculty and staff and members of the public were also in attendance.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Rose asked for approval of the minutes of the December 2, 2021 Academic & Student Affairs Committee meeting. Chair Rose asked if there were questions or comments regarding the minutes. There being none, Trustee Wilmore moved to recommend approval of the December 2, 2021 Academic & Student Affairs Committee minutes. Trustee Allcott seconded the motion. Mr. Wray called a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA ITEM 3 – Provost’s Report

Provost Bruce provided highlights of scholarly work and externally funded research and service projects for a few faculty and staff in Academic Affairs.

Her highlights included Dr. Mike Gotcher, Dr. Sharon Holderman, and Dr. Amy Miller’s externally funded grant where faculty and staff are working to reduce the costs to students for course materials, including textbooks. This project has already saved students more than \$150,000 in the first semester.

Provost Bruce also highlighted two faculty members, Dr. Arman Sargolzaei and Dr. DuckBong Kim, who recently received the prestigious National Science Foundation (NSF) Career Award. These two faculty have been awarded approximately one million dollars for their research and educational activities in the fields of advanced manufacturing and autonomous vehicles.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – SACSCOC Update

Provost Bruce provided an overview of the 10-year accreditation cycle and how the university has recently submitted its 5th Year Interim Report. She also provided a draft copy of the report that was recently submitted, which will be reviewed by the SACSCOC in June of this year.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – New Academic Programs Update

Provost Bruce updated the Board of Trustees on new academic programs. The updates included the following items: THEC approved the new B.S. in Animal Science on January 21, 2022; the on-site external review of the new B.S. in Studio Arts occurred on February 16, 2022; the on-site external review of the new B.S. in Music occurred on February 17, 2022; and THEC approved the Letter of Notification (LON) for the new Ph.D. in Higher Education on January 19, 2022.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – Proposal for Academic Program Modification for B.S. in Design Studies

Provost Bruce shared the School of Human Ecology’s proposal to establish a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree program in Design Studies. This proposal would elevate two existing concentrations under the B.S. in Human Ecology to a new stand-alone B.S. degree program. This change is expected to improve student recruiting efforts for this field of study, enhance career opportunities for graduates, and facilitate the university’s ability to seek accreditation through Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA). Trustee Wilmore moved to send the Proposal for Academic Program Modification for B.S. in Design Studies to the full Board for approval and to place it on the Board’s regular agenda. Trustee Allcott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA ITEM 7 – Intercollegiate Athletics Update

President Oldham, with the help of Athletics Director Mark Wilson, reviewed the current status of the Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) and recent changes to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

AGENDA ITEM 8 – Overview of Admissions and Marketing Initiatives

Dr. Brandon Johnson and Karen Lykins gave an overview of various admissions and marketing initiatives that have been added recently to increase enrollment. They also walked Board members through the typical process of recruitment, application, admission, and acceptance from the students' perspective.

AGENDA ITEM 9 – ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Academic & Student Affairs Committee adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Approved,



Lee Wray, Secretary