



ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

June 23, 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 June 23, 2022 in Roaden University Center, Room 282. Chair Rhedona Rose called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

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

- Rhedona Rose
- Dan Allcott (virtual)
- Hannah Willis
- Barry Wilmore

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

Trustee Allcott and Trustee Jones both participated via Zoom and confirmed that they could simultaneously hear and speak to the Committee members, received the Committee materials in advance of the meeting, and were alone in the room at each of their locations.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Rose asked for approval of the minutes of the March 10, 2022 Academic & Student Affairs Committee meeting. Chair Rose asked if there were questions or comments regarding the

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minutes. There being none, Trustee Wilmore moved to recommend approval of the March 10, 2022 Academic & Student Affairs Committee minutes. Trustee Allcott seconded the motion. Mr. Wray called a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Provost’s Report

Provost Bruce updated Board members on academic program accreditations. She informed members that during the past academic year, Tennessee Tech had 17 academic programs achieve accreditation; either applying for a new accreditation, applying for reaffirmation, or participating in an external program review.

Next Provost Bruce highlighted Tennessee Tech’s Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Formula One Team and SAE Student Baja Team. She shared photos of the Formula Team’s car that the students designed, built, and raced and gave information regarding the team’s recent competitions. She also shared a video of the 2022 International Baja SAE competition and recognized the positive impact that this competition has on Tennessee Tech as a whole.

Provost Bruce ended her report by sharing the top outstanding faculty awards for the year and recognizing faculty retirements.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – Enrollment Update

Interim Vice President Karen Lykins presented projections for fall 2022 enrollment. She indicated that participation in SOAR is up and that the projected fall new freshman enrollment projections look very positive.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – Academic Program Update

Provost Bruce shared an update on Tennessee Tech’s academic programs in terms of additions, deletions, and major revisions to the inventory of academic programs. She also provided the official academic program inventory, which is the official inventory of Tennessee Tech’s academic program offerings as listed on the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) website.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – New Academic Program Proposal (NAPP) for Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Studio Arts

Provost Bruce shared the College of Fine Arts’ proposal to establish a B.S. degree in Studio Arts, which would expand degree offerings in Fine Arts, while also capitalizing on the strong Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) programming already in place. Provost Bruce also shared anticipated enrollment and financial projections with the Board.

Trustee Wilmore moved to send the NAPP for the B.S. in Studio Arts to the full Board for approval and to place it on the Board’s consent agenda. Trustee Allcott seconded the motion.

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The motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – TTU Policy 270 (General Graduate Admission Requirements)

Provost Bruce presented TTU Policy 270 to the Board of Trustees for approval of recommended revisions after receiving all other necessary university approvals. This policy is scheduled for review every four years. Provost Bruce explained that the majority of the revisions were editorial updates with one substantive revision to the policy being the specification of a minimum undergraduate GPA for all graduate students admitted to the university. This minimum GPA was defined in the Graduate catalog, but not specified in the policy.

Trustee Wilmore moved to send TTU Policy 270 to the full Board for approval and to place it on the Board's consent agenda. Trustee Allcott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – Athletics Update

Athletics Director Wilson reviewed the 2021-22 year in athletics. He also updated the Board of Trustees on the academic performances of the athletes, indicating that this is the sixth consecutive semester that the Tennessee Tech athletes have averaged above a 3.2 GPA. Mark Wilson with the help of President Oldham also shared Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) updates.

AGENDA ITEM 9 – Other Business

There was no other business.

AGENDA ITEM X – Adjournment

There being no further business, the Academic & Student Affairs Committee adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Approved,



Lee Wray, Secretary