



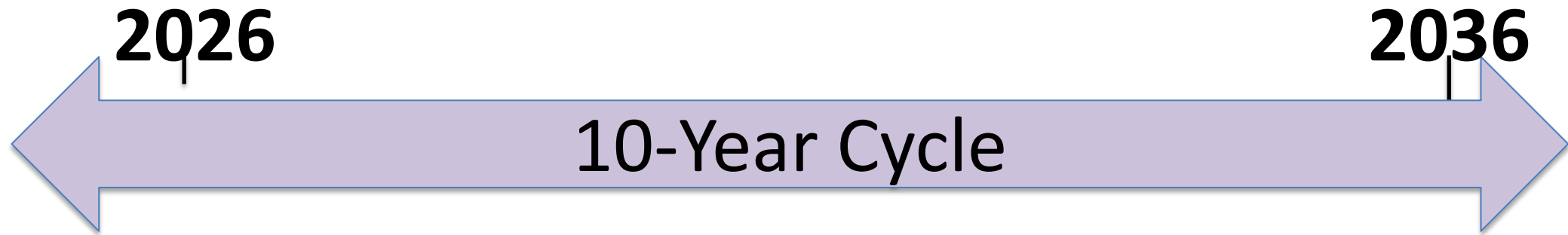
Provost's Report

Presentation to Academic & Student Affairs Committee
Board of Trustees

June 25, 2026



The SACSCOC Accreditation and Reaffirmation



On Site Committee:
No Recommendations!!!

Thanks to Dr. Sharon Huo and all the
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Highlights of New Academic Programs for the Last Academic Year

- Program changes are detailed in the Board book
- Examples of new academic programs include:
 - B.S. program in Artificial Intelligence
 - B.S. program in Business AI and Analytics
 - M.S. program in Industrial and Systems Engineering
 - M.S. program in Social Work
 - Ph.D. program in Computer Science
 - Ph.D. program in Integrative Biology



Academic Excellence Is on the Rise

- Enrollment is increasing
- First year retention is increasing
- Four-year and six-year graduation rates are increasing
- Research funding is increasing
- Research expenditure advanced 50 spots to ~top 250 research schools in the nation, making Tennessee Tech closer to becoming a R1 research university
- Scholarly output is increasing (publications, books, presentations, exhibitions and performances, etc.)



Scholarship Is Increasing (Selected Highlights)

Different Forms of Scholarship	2024	2025	% Increase
Books	16	36	225%
Journal Articles	595	678	13.9%
Conference Proceedings	252	303	20.2%
Keynote/Plenary	18	23	27.8%
Exhibits	3	9	300%
Readings/Performances	14	26	85.7%
Music Performances	410	540	31.7%
Exhibitions	44	62	40.9%
Productions	3	20	666.7%
Dance Performances	1	2	100%
Artists in Residence	2	6	300%

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