

Budget Advisory Committee
October 9, 2025, 1:30 p.m.
President's Conference Room, Derryberry 210

Members Present		
Phil Oldham	Claire Stinson	John Liu
Marc Burnett	Kevin Braswell	Casey Fox
Karen Lykins	Lee Wray	Rob Owens
John Liu (Michael Aikens)	Tom Payne	Lisa Zagumny
Joseph Slater	Daren Snider	Kim Hanna (Barbara Jared)
Mike Gotcher	Jennifer Shank	Kelly McCalister
Julie Baker	Robert Wilbanks	
Megan Atkinson	Cheyenne Bare (Braxton Westbrook)	
Members Absent		
Troy Perdue	Terry Saltsman	Darron Smith
Alfred Kalyanapu	Mustafa Rajabali	Kristine Craven
Others Present		
Sharon Williams	Terri McWilliams	Emalee Hamblen
Emily Wheeler	Kevin Vedder	Matthew Trengove
Lauren Hall	Jennifer Chavez	Carol Holley
Bedelia Russell		

Dr. Stinson called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. and thanked everyone for their attendance. The agenda and minutes of the May 2, 2025, meeting was distributed previously via email to committee members.

Approval of Agenda: Dr. Stinson asked for a motion for the approval of the agenda. Julie Baker moved to approve the agenda, and Tom Payne seconded.

Approval of Minutes: Dr. Stinson asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2025, meeting. Julie Baker moved to approve the minutes, and Daren Snider seconded.

Dr. Stinson introduced Jen Chavez, Tennessee Tech's new CIO. Jen discussed the Talon cutover deadline dates for current campus processes. Dr. Stinson discussed how the dates developed are dependent on other items in the system moving forward and the possibility of emergency situations that will need to be taken into consideration.

Dr. Oldham thanked everyone in the room and congratulated them and everyone on campus for the great things going on at the campus. He presented the new resources proposed for FY25-26 in June through revised FY25-26 in October that included tuition increases and state appropriations as well as the proposed FY25-26 through revised FY25-26 investments categorized as one-time temporary or permanent funds. A summary of the multi-year investments was provided for revised FY25 through revised FY26. The investments included merit and salary adjustments, new positions, operating and utilities, and scholarships.

Committee members discussed and posed several questions about the FY2025-2026 carryforwards. Dr. Stinson and Terri McWilliams provided an overview of the funds included within the functional areas.

Dr. Oldham presented Zero Based Budgeting as an opportunity to recalibrate and realign budgets with current priorities and expectations. The committee discussed the concept and agreed to revisit it in future meetings.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:18 p.m.