



Board of Trustees
Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting
December 1, 2020
Roaden University Center, Room 282

MINUTES

AGENDA ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee met on December 1, 2020, in Roaden University Center, Room 282. Chair Rose called the meeting to order at 8:53 a.m.

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

- Daniel Hines
- Rhedona Rose
- Trudy Harper

In Trustee Wilmore’s absence, Ms. Harper, as Chair of the Board, served as an ex officio voting member of the Academic & Student Affairs Committee today.

Trustee Fred Lowery participated remotely. He confirmed he could simultaneously hear and speak to the Board members, he received the Board materials in advance of the meeting, and he was the only person present in the location from which he was calling.

Tennessee Tech faculty, staff, and members of the public were also in attendance.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Rose asked if there were any recommendations or changes to the minutes. With no recommendations or changes, Trustee Lowery moved to approve the minutes from September 29, 2020. Trustee Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – PROVOST’S REPORT

Provost Bruce provided an update on how Academic Affairs was progressing, gaining experience, and using lessons learned to help plan for the upcoming spring semester, with student success as

the ultimate goal. Provost Bruce mentioned challenges in infrastructure, instructional preparedness, financial restraints, and student success. She went on to discuss how qualitative and quantitative data was collected from faculty and students to determine the best way to address those challenges.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – UPDATE ON NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Provost Bruce updated the Committee on recently approved New Academic Programs and where they each were in the process. She highlighted the Master of Accountancy program, the Doctorate of Nursing Practice, the PhD in Counseling and Supervision, the Master of Science in Engineering Management, Master of Science in Community Health and Nutrition, Master of Science in Sustainable Agriculture, and the Bachelor of Science in Fine Arts.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – REVISIONS TO TTU POLICY 260 (REQUIREMENTS FOR A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE AND GRADUATION)

Trustee Harper moved to approve revisions to TTU Policy 260 (Requirements for a Baccalaureate Degree and Graduation), as presented, to the Board for approval and to be placed on the Board's consent agenda. Trustee Lowery seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – COUNSELING CENTER UPDATE ON MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Patricia Smith, Tennessee Tech's Counseling Center Director, shared an update on mental health services offered to students on campus. This included services provided, as well as how they are utilized by students on campus.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Approved,

Handwritten signature of Lee Wray in black ink, with the date "03.15.21" written to the right of the signature.

Lee Wray, Secretary