



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

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 met on Thursday, March 10, 2022, in Roaden University Center Room 282. Chair Trudy Harper called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

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

- Dan Allcott
- Tom Jones
- Rhedona Rose
- Johnny Stites
- Hannah Willis
- Barry Wilmore
- Trudy Harper

Trustee Fred Lowery participated remotely and confirmed that he could simultaneously hear and speak to the Board members, he was the only person present in the location from which he was calling, and he received the board materials in advance of the meeting. Trustees Thomas Lynn and Teresa Vanhooser were unable to participate due to schedule conflicts.

A quorum was physically present. Tennessee Tech faculty, staff and members of the public were also in attendance.

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## **AGENDA ITEM 2 – RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS**

Three students from the university's current Student Media Team plus recent graduates on the inaugural team, Seth Jones, Alex Rinks, and Logen Borie, shared their work focused on recruiting prospective students. They explained how messages are produced from the student perspective and they shared their stories of creating social media videos called "Explore Cookeville."

## **AGENDA ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Harper asked for approval of the minutes of the December 2, 2021, Tennessee Tech Board of Trustees meeting. Chair Harper asked if there were questions or comments regarding the minutes. There being none, Tom Jones moved to recommend approval of the December 2, 2021, Board of Trustees minutes. Johnny Stites seconded the motion. Mr. Wray called a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

## **AGENDA ITEM 4 – PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The President reported on the following items: 1) College of Engineering younger faculty members, Dr. Sargolzaei and Dr. Kim, who recently won National Science Foundation early career awards for their research work, 2) the Campus Master Plan, an ever-evolving plan which sets the blueprint for going forward, highlights items we need to continue to work on, and will continue to follow the modified Georgian architecture style for the campus, 3) Governor Lee's proposed budget for higher education being considered by the General Assembly, 4) Athletics, where transformations within Division I of the NCAA, and realignments within the Ohio Valley Conference, of which we are part, and facilities construction and upgrades are taking place, 5) admissions process, recruiting, and tailoring messages to fit students' needs and expectations, 6) freshmen applications up about 10% of the highest ever freshmen applications and up 12 or 13% above the record high in terms of admissions for freshmen, and 7) replacement of the cupola on Derryberry Hall.

## **AGENDA ITEM 5 – ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – PROPOSAL FOR ACADEMIC PROGRAM MODIFICATION FOR B.S. IN DESIGN STUDIES**

Committee Chair Rose moved to approve the Academic Program Modification for the B.S. in Design Studies. Because the recommendation came from committee, no second was needed. With an opportunity for further discussion and there being none, Mr. Wray called a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

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**AGENDA ITEM 6.A – AUDIT & BUSINESS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – COMPENSATION PLAN**

Committee Chair Stites moved to approve the proposed Compensation Plan pending approval of the Governor’s Budget for a four percent salary increase pool to be distributed to full- and part-time permanent employees based on employees’ fiscal 2022 evaluations with a minimum one percent and maximum seven percent increase for employees with satisfactory or better evaluation scores, and employed on January 1, 2022. Because the recommendation came from committee, no second was needed. With an opportunity for further discussion and there being none, Mr. Wray called a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 6.B – AUDIT & BUSINESS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – NON-MANDATORY FEES**

Committee Chair Stites moved to approve the proposed housing rates to be effective Fall 2022. Because the recommendation came from committee, no second was needed. With an opportunity for further discussion and there being none, Mr. Wray called a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 6.C – AUDIT & BUSINESS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – DISCLOSED PROJECTS**

Committee Chair Stites moved to approve the FY21-22 Disclosed Projects for the indoor tennis court roof replacement, university archives improvements and agricultural technology innovation and the FY22-23 disclosed projects for the baseball and softball artificial turf and electrical infrastructure upgrades. Because the recommendation came from committee, no second was needed. With an opportunity for further discussion and there being none, Mr. Wray called a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 6.D – AUDIT & BUSINESS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MASTER PLAN**

Committee Chair Stites moved to approve the TTU 2022 Campus Master Plan. Because the recommendation came from committee, no second was needed. Trustee Allcott shared his desire that the master plan include a plan for the north end of campus, to make it more welcoming and to stop vehicle traffic at that entrance, and to provide additional parking in front of the Bryan Fine Arts Center. Trustee Allcott also voiced his disappointment that architect, Garry Askew, did not respond to his previous email about this concern. Chair Harper requested that Karen Lykins make master plan information available to the entire campus – faculty, staff and students. With an opportunity for further discussion and there being none, Mr. Wray called a roll call vote. The motion carried 6-1.

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**AGENDA ITEM 6.E – AUDIT & BUSINESS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – TTU POLICY 144  
(TITLE IX POLICY AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES)**

Committee Chair Stites moved to approve TTU Policy 144 (Title IX Policy and Grievance Procedures) as presented. Because the recommendation came from committee, no second was needed. With an opportunity for further discussion and there being none, Mr. Wray called a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM VII – BOARD SECRETARY REPORT**

Secretary Wray announced that immediately following the meeting, ITS staff would be assisting Trustees with setup and implementation of a new sign-on security system for Tennessee Tech accounts.

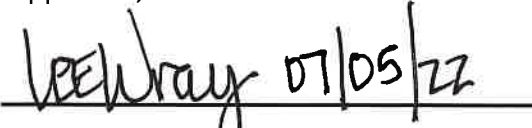
**AGENDA ITEM VIII – BOARD OF TRUSTEES’ MEETING DATES**

Chair Harper announced that a virtual Student Affairs Information Session was scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, and the next regular quarterly meeting would be held on Thursday, June 23.

**AGENDA ITEM IX – ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Tennessee Tech Board of Trustees meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

Approved,

 07/05/22

Lee Wray, Secretary