

Staff Advisory Committee to the President
November 17, 2011, 1:30 p.m.

Present: Brooke Dedmon, Patrena Hicks, Kaye Loftis (chair), Randal McCloud, Donna Russell, Randa Thompson, Donna Warren, Denette Way

Others Present: President Bell, Mike Cowan, Terri Taylor

President's Comments

President Bell opened the meeting with a greeting and announced that the TTU football team had a chance to claim the OVC championship for the first time since 1975. Given that the team wins, TTU will host a postseason game at Tucker Stadium.

TTU will host the Legislative Forum on Tuesday, November 29, 2011. Attendees will include Upper Cumberland legislators, TBR Regents, along with the TBR Chancellor and Vice Chancellor. Legislative priorities for the year in order of importance are:

1. TTU Science Building
2. THEC Budget
3. Complete College Initiatives
4. TECH-REDI
5. TTU Equestrian Facility

In addition to the priorities, the group will also discuss THEC's proposed budget recently submitted to the Governor, which contains a slight increase for higher education. Another scenario of a 5% budget cut was also submitted. The Governor will present both scenarios to the Legislature in late January.

December 1-3, the TSSAA Blue Cross Bowl football championships will be held at Tech's Tucker Stadium. This event is estimated to bring 20-25 thousand people and around \$1 million to Cookeville. This event serves as a great recruiting opportunity for the University. Parking will be affected, and everyone is encouraged to welcome the guests to our campus.

Four individuals were recently recognized as recipients of the 2011 Outstanding Staff Awards:

- Diana Lalani—Clerical
- Nelda Gaines—Clerical
- Hazel Newman—Support
- Gary Bradford—Technical

The Clerical and Support Staff Christmas Luncheon will be held December 9 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the RUC multi-purpose room. Also, the Children's Holiday party will be held on December 9 from 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Approval of Non-Faculty Grievance Pool

Patrena Hicks moved to approve the Non-Faculty Grievance Pool as proposed by HR Director Mike Cowan. Donna Russell seconded, and the motion was unanimously APPROVED.

<u>EEO Category</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
EEO 1	Andrew Wilson	July 2013
	Mark Ochsenein	July 2013
	Robert Hodum	July 2014
EEO 3	Brent Cross	July 2013
	Dennis Tennant	July 2013
	Valerie Petty	July 2014
EEO 4	Paula Caudill	July 2013
	Randa Thompson	July 2013
	Jody Webb	July 2014
EEO 5	K'Cindra Cavin	July 2013
	Donna Wallis	July 2013
	Lorie Worley	July 2014
EEO 6	Michael Hooper	July 2013
	Troy Harris	July 2013
	Troy Dickens	July 2013
EEO 7	Jim Dillon	July 2013
	Cindy Tate	July 2013
	Mike Lambert	July 2014

Suggestion Box Items

Suggestion: Use off hours of semester to remodel. We don't want to dodge "Wet Paint" signs. Response provided by Facilities Project Manager DeLayne Miller: *Due to the volume of renovation and general maintenance needs across campus, they cannot all be done during semester breaks. We do schedule the major work, when possible, during semester and holiday breaks. The breaks are our busiest time. But, we will always have some type of work going on, as is true with any type of facility.*

Two additional suggestions had been received, but responses were not provided prior to the meeting date.

Denette Way moved to adjourn the meeting. Donna Warren seconded. The meeting ADJOURNED at 1:55 p.m.