

## **Staff Advisory Committee**

**May 9, 2019**

**Members Present:** Kim Meredith, Carrie Harris, Alan Robbins, Sharon Stevenson, Paul Miller, Cheryl Sullivan, Barbara Fenlon, Kim Fox

**Others Present:** Leslie Crickenberger, Lee Wray, President Oldham, Carson Cook

Chairman Stevenson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in the President's Conference Room of Derryberry Hall, and welcomed the committee members. A motion to approve the previous SAC meeting's minutes was made by Barbara Fenlon, and seconded by Kim Meredith.

### **President's Comments:**

President Oldham welcomed the committee. He mentioned how Governor Lee showed confidence in Tech with the proposed budget. Tech received more than \$15 million in additional funding.

Capital appropriation includes more than \$11 million for Tech and \$3.25 million for planning work for a new Engineering Building. We will be starting the process soon on the new Engineering Building.

President Oldham also talked about the I Heart Tech Students campaign which raised over \$330,000 for emergency assistance, veterans and their families, and the food pantry. Tech Tomorrow Campaign will soon reach its \$60 million goal. Tech will be graduating around 2,500 students during 2018-19 which will be the largest or 2<sup>nd</sup> largest graduating class on record.

Hiring updates – Paul Miller will be retiring May 31<sup>st</sup> and Mark Carwile will be taking his place.

Tech continues to improve the student experience with construction in progress including a new lab sciences building, new student recreation and fitness center, and a future new engineering building. The lab sciences building is scheduled to be completed in 2020 at a cost of \$90 million, with a tentative plan for classes to begin in the new building in 2021. The new fitness center will be approximately 125,000 square feet, will cost \$45 million and is on schedule to be completed in Spring 2020. The new engineering building will serve all disciplines of engineering and serve a student from the first year through graduation. State appropriations were recently received to begin the design process for the engineering building.

### **Selection of Chairman:**

No one present volunteered to serve as Chairman for the 2019-2020 academic year. Names were mentioned and Sharon Stevenson said she would reach out to them.

### **Other Such Matters:**

There were no such other matters, and the motion to adjourn was made by Cheryl Sullivan and seconded by Carrie Harris. The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Carson Cook, Recorder