University Assembly
November 20, 2019
Tech Pride Room

Members Present: Airhart, Smith-Andrews, Bates, Best, Blair, Brachey, C. Brown, Z. Brown, Bryant, Harvey Proxy for Buntin, Callender, Chang, Craven, Mezime Proxy for Edmonds, Elsawy, Fornehed, Fowler, Frye, Gaetjens, Gotcher, Groundland, Harris, Harrison, Hurley, Jared, Jones, Kolodziej, Langford, Laningham, Larimore, Lay, Miller, A. Mills, H. Mills, Nelson, L. Norris, Null, O'Connor, Otuonye, Pardue, Garner Proxy for Rand, Roberts, Rogers, Short, Oswalt Proxy for Slater, D. Smith, T. Smith, Stinson, Stretz, Swartzentrover, Wilcox, Williams, Winkle, Wolak, Zagumny

Members Absent: Alcorn, Bohannon, Ding, Hanna, Hajdik, Hoffman, Killman, Matthews, Maxwell, Melichar, Motevalli, S. Norris, Ojo, Paradis, Payne, Russell, Sells, Semmes, Shank, Shipley, Oswalt Proxy for Slater, Stein, Weathers, M. Wilson, N. Wilson

Non-Voting Members Present: Clark, Huo, Oldham, Stephens, Wray

Summary of Proceedings:

Approved agenda

Approved minutes from April 17, 2019

Approved revised Password Policy No. 852

Received report of the Academic Council for Fall 2019

Received report of the Administrative Council for Fall 2019

Other such matters

Proceedings:

President Oldham called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. and made one amendment to the agenda. Prior to the meeting, Item three, approval of new Email Use Policy No. 803 had been pulled for further review. Sandra Smith-Andrews motioned to approve the agenda and Zach Brown seconded. Motion APPROVED.

A motion to approve the minutes of April 17, 2019, as distributed, was made by Holly Mills and seconded by Sandra Smith-Andrews. Motion APPROVED.

Yvette Clark and Deb Zsigalov presented the revised Password Policy No. 852. It is a lifetime password with 16 characters. Zsigalov explained that it will be a soft launch using a multi-factor authentication (your user ID plus your passcode) which will allow Tech to go to a lifetime

password. Clark clarified that it is not a choice, but that you will need to use the portal with two-factor. Brian Jones questioned the need for a 16-digit password if requiring two-factor. Clark responded that it was in the recommendation of the NIST standards. Brian O'Connor questioned the difference between the clean copy and the redline copy in reference to section 5.A.1. Clark responded that while being edited in Policy Tech they stopped using the redline copy and offered to include, if necessary.

Andrew Callender commented that when requesting to reset a password, the password is sent to an alternate e-mail address. It seems that someone with that reset password could then log in and change his password, is there any provision to avoid an unauthorized person from doing that? Clark commented that it should be just the token and not an actual password and between the token and your password it will let you in to do your reset. It will then require you to change your password.

Holly Stretz asked if the rules for passwords were the same for Banner and online access to the University? Clark said that self-service Banner will no longer be a different password; sign-in will be on Tech Express. IDme is where you authenticate through and will be the single sign on and then Tech Express will get you to the different applications. We are starting to slow roll in the two-factor for personnel, and in January we will start slow-rolling in the students. Motion made by Zach Brown. Seconded by Aaron Lay. Motion APPROVED.

Received report for Academic Council for Fall 2019 by Linda Null. Report ACCEPTED.

Received report for Administrative Council for Fall 2019 by Jeanette Wolak. Report ACCEPTED.

President Oldham thanked both Councils for the tremendous amount of work that has been completed this semester. Both Councils do a great service to this institution.

The President also commented that the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) met for their first meeting through the state governance process in our budgetary cycle. The first glimpse looks to be very positive for Tech. The Capital Projects list has Tennessee Tech's Engineering Building as the number one priority going into the legislative cycle. We received $3,250,000 from the last legislative session appropriations to begin the planning and design process, which has been on going. In the next legislative session, we anticipate receiving the rest of the funding for the construction phase of the project.

Last year we were the number one performing university overall in regard to the State budget and this year we are number two. Tech was second in Tennessee in terms of the performance funding model, that means we get a little extra share. The projection for THEC's recommendation on the budget for Tennessee Tech is about $2.3 million dollars in additional funding in next year's budget cycle. This proposal will still have to go to the Governor and he will prioritize what goes to the General Assembly. Tech will be notified the actual appropriation near the end of spring. Based on the budget recommendation for planning purposes, THEC is setting a 0-2% tuition range. Tech will also use for our planning purposes for next year's budget.

There is a Board of Trustees meeting in three weeks. Several policy changes will be reviewed by the Board. The Board will also review three budgets, one will be a revised October budget, which has a salary increase built into it. We will also stress improving student success and moving students through to graduation. Tech has improved our 6-year graduation rate and will now put emphasis on improving the 4-year graduation rate. We are continuing to look at a flat rate tuition.

Other such matters, Mike Gotcher mentioned that Jake Hoot is on The Voice and a Tech graduate. Brian O'Connor commented that Blanton; a Tech graduate, is nominated for a Grammy. Craig Terry, also a Tech graduate, is also nominated for a Grammy.

A motion for adjournment was at 4:10 p.m.

Diane Smith, recorder