

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE
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The Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Tennessee met at 8:30 a.m. EDT, Thursday, June 24, 2010, in the Plant Biotech Building on the Institute of Agriculture campus, Knoxville, TN.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Spruell Driver, Chair of the Committee, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II. ROLL CALL

Dr. Bonnie Yegidis called the roll, and the following voting members were present:

Mr. Spruell Driver
Ms. Anne Holt Blackburn
Mr. John Foy
Dr. Karen Johnson
Mr. James Murphy
Mr. Karl Schledwitz
Ms. Betty Ann Tanner
Mr. Sumeet Viakunth
Dr. Bonnie Yegidis

The following non-voting members were also present:

Mr. Michel Akiki
Dr. Toby Boulet
Mr. Andrew Clark
Mr. Tommy Jervis
Mr. Andrew Morse
Dr. Richard Nollan
Dr. Rich Rhoda
President Jan Simek
Dr. Jenna Wright

Additional Trustees present:

Mr. Charles Anderson
Mr. George Cates
Mr. Crawford Gallimore
Ms. Monice Hagler
Ms. Andrea Loughry
Mr. Don Stansberry, Jr.
Mr. Robert Talbott
Mr. Charles Wharton

Dr. Yegidis announced a quorum was present.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Chair called for any corrections or additions to the minutes of the February 26, 2010 meeting. There were none. A motion for approval was made by Trustee Foy, seconded by Trustee Blackburn, and they were approved.

IV. OPENING REMARKS BY COMMITTEE CHAIR

Chairman Driver made a few opening remarks. While this is a meeting held in the public, it is a meeting with an agenda. Chairman Driver asked that sidebar conversations be kept to a minimum, cell phones and other electronic devices be put on silence mode, and that he will only be recognizing members of the committee, other trustees, members of the senior staff, and those who are presenting agenda items at today's meeting.

V. APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC PROGRAM CONSOLIDATIONS (UTC)

Dr. Yegidis provided an overview of the proposed program consolidations in undergraduate degree programs in education at UTC. Consolidation of the BS in Foreign Language Education, BA in Theatre Education, BS in Secondary Mathematics, BS in Secondary Natural Sciences, and the BS/BM in Music Education is recommended. Dr. Yegidis stated that while there are no immediate cost savings anticipated at the beginning of the consolidation process, it is expected that costs will be reduced over time through increased curriculum streamlining and faculty attrition. Provost Oldham provided further information on the proposed consolidations.

A motion for approval was made by Trustee Foy, seconded by Trustee Tanner, and motion was approved unanimously.

VI. APPROVAL OF DNP PROGRAM AT UTC

Dr. Yegidis provided an overview of the full curriculum proposal for the development of the Doctorate of Nursing Practice degree at UTC. The new degree program is being created because the national accrediting body for Colleges of Nursing, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing has declared the educational preparation of advanced practice nurses be set at the doctoral level beginning in 2015. The proposal to create a DNP at UTK is the next item on this agenda as well.

At UTC, the Master of Science in Nursing will phase out completely and be replaced by the DNP. Existing resources are in place to begin the DNP program in 2010-2011. The UT campuses (UTC and UTK) participated with one TBR institution, East Tennessee State University, in a collaborative external review of the three DNP program proposals. The external consultant's report is part of the curriculum documents and was favorable for both UTC and UTK.

Discussion on this item included concerns about duplication of degrees in the state and the extent to which the DNP will be offered online.

A motion for approval was made by Trustee Foy, seconded by Trustee Johnson and approved unanimously.

VII. APPROVAL OF DNP PROGRAM AT UTK

Dr. Yegidis provided information on the proposal for the development of the Doctorate of Nursing Practice degree at UTK. She explained that there is some interest in maintaining the MSN in non clinical practice areas at UTK, but phasing out the MSN for clinical specialties. Existing resources are in place to begin the DNP program in 2010-2011.

There being no discussion, Chairman Driver called for a motion. A motion for approval of the proposal was made by Trustee Blackburn, seconded by Trustee Tanner, and carried unanimously.

VIII. APPROVAL OF CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AT UTK

Dr. Yegidis provided an overview of the proposal to create the Department of Public Health at UTK. The proposal will reconstitute the programs in Public Health, an existing academic unit currently housed within the Department of Nutrition, as a Department of Public Health effective July 1, 2010. Establishing this department will require no additional costs at the present time and will bring the programs into better alignment with accreditation standards.

Dr. Bob Rider, Dean of the College of Education, Health and Human Sciences, further discussed that the establishment of the Department of Public Health compliments the strategic plan of the College of Education, Health and Human Sciences. The College has reallocated resources so that this is a revenue neutral change. In addition, the Department of Public Health has the potential to attract outside resources.

A motion for approval was made by Trustee Schledwitz, seconded by Trustee Johnson, and the motion was approved unanimously.

IX. APPROVAL OF REVISED VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT FOR UTIA

Dr. Yegidis presented the revised vision and mission statements for UTIA. In accordance with *The Principles for Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement* as defined by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, each institution is mandated to periodically review its Mission Statement to ensure that the statement is current and comprehensive and serves as an accurate guide for the institution's operations.

Vice President Joe DiPietro further explained that revision of the mission statement has had wide input from faculty and staff and is a broader statement than previous versions.

Chairman Driver asked that the third paragraph of the mission statement be revised to state: "As it pursues all activities in support of its mission, the UT Institute of Agriculture is committed to civil rights, equal employment *opportunity* and affirmative action which contribute to cultural and ethnic diversity."

A motion for approval, pending this change, was made by Trustee Schledwitz, seconded by Trustee Foy, and approved unanimously.

X. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING COMMITMENT TO THE CONTINUED SUCCESS OF THE FRANK H. MCCLUNG MUSEUM

Chairman Driver introduced this item and explained that this Board, in accordance with the standards of the American Association of Museums, is asked to reaffirm support of the Frank H. McClung Museum at UTK. Dr. Yegidis stated that McClung Museum provides a rich intellectual and educational resource to students, faculty, and members of the broader community. The museum and its collections provide over 45,000 visitors annually with rich archaeological, historical, and cultural information and UTK has consistently provided financial support to the museum.

A motion for approval was made by Trustee Murphy, seconded by Trustee Tanner, and approved unanimously.

XI. APPROVAL OF TENURE RECOMMENDATIONS

Chairman Driver introduced the approval of tenure recommendations. Dr. Yegidis referenced the information on the tenure process at the University of Tennessee as well as the names of faculty being recommended for tenure.

There being no discussion, Chairman Driver called for a motion. A motion for approval of the proposal was made by Trustee Schledwitz, seconded by Trustee Murphy, and carried unanimously.

XII. APPROVAL OF THE COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Chairman Driver introduced the approval of the comprehensive list of academic programs. The Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Student Success works with THEC to keep an accurate inventory of the academic program offerings at all UT campuses.

A motion for approval was made by Trustee Schledwitz with the concern that the comprehensive list does not illustrate changes made from year to year. President Simek noted that a master list of program additions and deletions was inadvertently left out of the Board materials and will be provided to the Board at a later date. The motion for approval was seconded by Trustee Murphy, and approved unanimously.

XIII. AUTHORIZATION TO CONFER DEGREES

Chairman Driver stated each year at this time, the UT administration requests that the Board delegate to the president, chancellors, and other university officials designated by the president the authority to confer degrees at commencements held at any time during the academic year.

A motion for approval was made by Trustee Foy, seconded by Trustee Johnson, and approved unanimously.

XIV. INTRODUCTION TO THE NATIONAL SURVEY OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Chairman Driver stated that at the October meeting of the Board, we provided a comprehensive overview of several different performance measures for our campuses, including campus and system scorecards, EEF measures, *US News and World Report* rankings, and College Results Online. As a follow up to that overview, Dr. Todd Diacon, Executive Director for Academic Assessment and Program Support, will introduce the

National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) at this time. UTC will present information on their use of data from this instrument.

Dr. Diacon provided an overview of NSSE and the valuable information it provides our undergraduate campuses about student engagement and success. In 2005, THEC mandated that all UT schools administer NSSE at least twice within a five year period of time. The survey is given to first year students and to seniors and provides a measure of the quality and quantity of student interactions with other students, faculty, advisors and campus administrators. NSSE evaluates the following factors of a student's experience: level of academic challenge; active and collaborative learning; student faculty interactions; supportive campus environment; and enriching educational experiences. Three summary questions ask students about the quality of advising, their overall impression of their education, and whether or not they would choose the same school if they had it to do all over again.

Discussion on this item included questions about sample size, response rate, and reliability of data. Dr. Diacon explained that our campuses have increased the response rate, which is 20-30%, the average response rate for institutions participating in NSSE. NSSE collects the data and packages individual campus reports.

Provost Oldham provided a brief overview of UTC's NSSE data and changes that have been made due to NSSE findings.

XV. UPDATE ON CLOSURE OF THE MSW LOCATION IN MEMPHIS

Provost Martin provided an update on the closure of the MSW location in Memphis. The UTK and University of Memphis transition team has taken many steps to facilitate this transition. The transition plan calls for the University of Memphis offering the MSSW degree effective Fall 2011 and the UTK College of Social Work Memphis location closing May 2011. This plan ensures that a master's in social work program will be available to the Memphis community and that there will be no gaps in social work education in West Tennessee.

Dr. Martin stated that only a small cohort of students will be finishing their course of studies academic year 2010-11 – graduating May 2011. Three faculty located in Memphis are reassigned to Nashville or Knoxville for the 2010-11 academic year. Dr. Theora Evans and Mr. Scott Burcham will remain at the Memphis location through May 2011. Dr. Evans has already made arrangements for faculty to teach all of the required classes in Memphis to ensure on-time graduation. There is no plan to utilize on-line instruction unless a student makes a request to enroll in an on-line course due to individual circumstances. The offices and classrooms will remain open and be staffed

through May 2011. The computer lounge and student lounge will remain intact through that time and be available to students.

The University of Tennessee College of Social Work will continue its MSSW programs in Nashville and Knoxville, and its distance education program which spans the state of Tennessee and surrounding areas. The college is also developing a practice doctorate to be offered through distance education.

XVI. OTHER BUSINESS

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Driver adjourned the meeting

Respectfully submitted,

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and Student Success