

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COMMITTEE

October 17, 2013
Knoxville, Tennessee

The Trusteeship Committee of the Board of Trustees of The University of Tennessee met at 11:30 a.m. EDT on Thursday, October 17, 2013, in Hollingsworth Auditorium on the campus of The University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture in Knoxville, Tennessee.

I. CALL TO ORDER

James L. Murphy, III, Chair, called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL

Catherine S. Mizell, Secretary, called the roll, and the following members of the Trusteeship Committee were present:

James L. Murphy, III, Chair
Joseph A. DiPietro
J. Brian Ferguson
Betty Ann Tanner
Tommy G. Whittaker

The Secretary announced the presence of a quorum of the Committee. Other Trustees, members of the administrative staff, and media representatives were also present.

III. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Chair Murphy called for any corrections to the minutes of the June 19, 2013 meeting of the Committee. There being none, Trustee Ferguson moved approval of the minutes as presented. Trustee Whittaker seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

IV. RATIFICATION OF VICE CHAIR'S APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES, COMMITTEE CHAIRS, AND TRUSTEE MEMBERS OF THE ATHLETICS BOARDS

Chair Murphy reminded the Committee that at the Annual Meeting on June 20, 2013, the

Board authorized the Vice Chair to make any necessary changes in committee and committee chair appointments, subject to ratification by the Board on the recommendation of the Trusteeship Committee. He also noted that under the Bylaws, appointments to the three athletics boards are to be made in the same manner as appointments to the standing committees.

Chair Murphy reported that changes in the committee, committee chair, and athletics board appointments were necessary after Governor Haslam made two new Trustee appointments: Sharon Miller Pryse from the Second District and Brad A. Lampley from the Seventh District. Under the authorization granted by the Board, Vice Chair Ferguson made new committee, committee chair, and athletics board appointments, and the Secretary notified the Trustees of these appointments on August 13, 2013.

Chair Murphy also noted that the Vice Chair did not reappoint the ad hoc Committee on Effectiveness and Efficiency for the Future (EEF). Vice Chair Ferguson explained that expectations, accountability, and oversight of cost containment is front and center on the Strategic Plan dashboard, and the Board will continue to review those issues as needed through the standing committee structure.

Trustee Whittaker moved that the Vice Chair's standing committee, committee chair, and athletics board appointments be ratified (Exhibit 1). Trustee Ferguson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

V. SETTING TRUSTEESHIP COMMITTEE MEETING DATES IN 2014

Chair Murphy proposed January 17 and May 13 as the first two Trusteeship meeting dates in 2014, noting that these dates correspond with the Executive and Compensation Committee dates.

Trustee Tanner moved that the proposed dates for the first two Trusteeship Committee meetings in 2014 be approved. Trustee Whittaker seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

VI. REVIEW OF 2013 WORKSHOP AND THINKING AHEAD ABOUT 2014 WORKSHOP

The Secretary summarized the workshop evaluations as generally very positive. Chair Murphy expressed his view that the workshop content and presentations were very helpful. He noted that UT needs to make substantial progress in graduation and retention rates and that spending focused time on that subject was needed. Vice Chair Ferguson said he simplifies UT's mission as successful graduates and beneficial research, and he wants future workshops and meetings to reflect those dominant goals.

The Secretary reminded the Committee that it is charged with planning the annual workshop and had previously concluded that the workshop should focus on key issues and obstacles in implementing the Strategic Plan. She noted that although retention and graduation rates were clearly the most frequently suggested topic for the 2013 workshop, the University's research mission was a clear second and might be considered for the 2014 workshop. She announced that the Committee will begin considering topics at the January 2014 meeting and asked Trustees to suggest topics to Chair Murphy, President DiPietro, or her.

VII. 2014 AGB NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRUSTEESHIP

The Secretary announced that the National Conference on Trusteeship presented by the Association of Governing Boards (AGB) will be held in Orlando, Florida on April 12-14, 2014. The Committee previously recommended that the Vice Chair or another member of the Executive and Compensation Committee, the President, and a member of the Trusteeship Committee should attend when feasible. Vice Chair Ferguson said he might encourage one or two new committee chairs to attend this year.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to come before the Committee for action.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,


Catherine S. Mizell, Secretary