

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE

April 1, 2016
Martin, Tennessee

The Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee of the Board of Trustees of The University of Tennessee met at 8:00 a.m. CDT, Friday, April 1, 2016, in the Ballroom of the Boling Student Center on the campus of The University of Tennessee at Martin. By designation of the Vice Chair of the Board, Trustee John Foy acted as Committee Chair *pro tempore* in the absence of Chair Vicky Gregg.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Foy called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL

Dr. Katie High called the roll.

The following committee members and faculty/student representatives were present:

Mr. Jalen Blue
Dr. Susan Davidson
Dr. Russ Deaton
Dr. Joseph DiPietro
Mr. John Foy
Mr. Will Freeman
Dr. David Golden
Commissioner Julius Johnson
Mr. Raja Jubran
Mr. John Keny
Mr. Brad Lampley
Dr. Bruce MacLennan
Dr. Roberto Mancusi

Dr. Jefferson Rogers
Ms. Miranda Rutan
Ms. Hannah Turcotte
Ms. Julia Wells
Mr. Charles Wharton
Mr. Tommy Whittaker
Dr. Thad Wilson
Ms. Rachel Wolters

The following were absent:

Ms. Dina Ali
Ms. Vicky Gregg, Chair
Commissioner Candice McQueen

Other Trustees, administrative staff, members of the public, and representatives of the media were also present.

III. OPENING REMARKS BY COMMITTEE CHAIR

Chair Foy welcomed all to the meeting and requested that those present introduce themselves. Mr. Foy also announced that, due to a new administrative appointment, Brian Donavant has resigned the Non-Voting Faculty seat on the Board. Governor Haslam has appointed, Dr. Jefferson Rogers, Professor of Agriculture, Geosciences, and Natural Resources at UT Martin, to fill the vacancy.

IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Chair Foy called for a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Trustee Wharton conveyed a correction, and made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wells, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

V. UT KNOXVILLE HONORARY DOCTOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

Chancellor Cheek provided a brief overview of the background and accomplishments of UT Knoxville's honorary doctor of science degree recipient, Dr. Thom Mason, who currently serves as Director of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

Trustee Wharton moved that the committee recommend the following Resolution for adoption by the Board of Trustees:

RESOLVED: The degree of Honorary Doctor of Science from The University of Tennessee, Knoxville is awarded to Thomas E. Mason, Ph.D.

Vice Chair Jubran seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

VI. UT KNOXVILLE VOL VISION 2020 REFRESH

The UT Knoxville Vol Vision 2020 update was presented by Dr. Susan Martin and Dr. Steven Smith. Trustee Wharton raised a question as to whether this is a strategic plan or a vision statement, and a lengthy discussion followed. Trustee Murphy commented that the Trustees would like to see more Trustee involvement during the implementation phase of the Vol Vision, and requested that the campus create a dashboard or other resource the Trustees could review periodically.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Trustee Wells moved that the committee recommend adoption of the following Resolution by the Board of Trustees:

RESOLVED: The proposed update of Vol Vision 2020 is approved as the vision for The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, with the condition that the administration bring to the Board of Trustees a strategic plan to achieve that vision by the next meeting, if feasible, and if not feasible, that the administration report at the next meeting on progress toward developing the strategic plan.

Vice Chair Jubran seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

VII. UT MARTIN FACULTY HANDBOOK REVISIONS

Dr. Jerald Ogg, Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs at UT Martin, provided an overview of the five proposed changes to the handbook, which include: (1) additional procedures for the grant of tenure; (2) procedures for promotion review; (3) establishing processes for ensuring the faculty voice in the appointment, retention, promotion, and tenure of faculty; (4) appeals through the

Faculty Relations Committee; and (5) policies relative to amorous or sexual relationships between faculty and students.

Trustee Golden moved that the committee recommend adoption of the following Resolution by the Board of Trustees:

RESOLVED: The proposed revisions of the UT Martin Faculty Handbook are approved as presented in the meeting materials.

Trustee Lampley seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

VIII. UT MARTIN ACCREDITATION UPDATE

Dr. High provided a brief overview on the importance of regional accreditation in higher education, noting that such accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACS-COC) is a voluntary, but critical, process for each campus to undergo.

Dr. Robert Smith, Interim Chancellor of UT Martin, then provided additional information about the progress in providing the necessary documentation to SACS-COC for UT Martin accreditation.

The accreditation update was an information item only.

VIII. UT MARTIN PRESENTATION: BECOMING AN ENGAGED UNIVERSITY

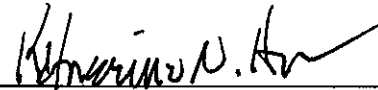
Interim Chancellor of UT Martin, Dr. Robert Smith, along with a group of students and faculty from the campus, provided an overview on the ways in which the campus is enhancing its engagement for students through experiences such as mentorship, co-research, and living on campus. Co-presenters included: (1) Dr. Todd Winters, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Applied Science; (2) Ms. Maryanna McClure, a senior majoring in General Agriculture; (3) Ms. Rebecca Lund, a junior majoring in Accounting; and (4) Mr. Drake Williams, a senior majoring in Chemistry.

The Engaged University presentation was an information item only.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Chair Foy adjourned the meeting at 10:00 am CDT.

Respectfully Submitted,



Katherine N. High
Vice President for Academic
Affairs and Student Success