

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE

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Knoxville, Tennessee

The Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee of the Board of Trustees of The University of Tennessee met at 8:30 a.m. EST, Thursday, June 23, 2016, in the Hollingsworth Auditorium on the campus of the Institute of Agriculture in Knoxville.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gregg called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL

Dr. Katie High called the roll.

The following Trustee members and faculty and student representatives were present:

Terry Cooper	Brad Lampley*
Susan Davidson	Bruce MacLennan
Russ Deaton	Roberto Mancusi
Joshua Diltz	Jeff Rogers*
Joe DiPietro	Miranda Rutan*
John Foy*	Jai Templeton*
Vicky Gregg, Chair*	Julia Wells*
Carson Hollingsworth	Charles Wharton*
Raja Jubran*	

*Voting members

The following were absent: Candice McQueen, Shikka Patel, Sara Wilkinson, and Kelsey Weaver. Other Trustees, administrative staff, and members of the media were also present.

III. OPENING REMARKS BY COMMITTEE CHAIR

Chair Gregg welcomed all to the meeting and requested that new Trustees, faculty representatives, and student leaders introduce themselves.

Chair Gregg then spoke briefly about academic initiatives of the UT system, including the focus on increased graduation rates and Tennessee Reconnect.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Hearing no request to remove an item from the Consent Agenda, Chair Gregg called for a motion. Trustee Wells moved approval of the Consent Agenda (Exhibit 1). The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

V. REVISED COMMITTEE CHARTER

Dr. High reviewed several changes made to the Charter for the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee (Exhibit 2) to conform to the Amended and Restated Bylaws and to provisions of Public Chapter 753. Trustee Foy moved that the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee recommend the following Resolution for adoption by the Board of Trustees:

RESOLVED: The revised Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee Charter is approved as presented in the meeting materials.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Wharton and carried unanimously.

VI. UT KNOXVILLE STRATEGIC PLAN REFRESH, VOL VISION 2020

An update of the UT Knoxville Vol Vision 2020, which had been requested at the April 1 Board of Trustees meeting, was presented by Chancellor Cheek (Exhibit 3). The update included a brief history of the "Journey to the Top 25," as well as an overview of key accomplishments from 2010 through 2015, challenges, lessons learned, plans moving forward, and implementation. Trustee Wharton expressed continued concern about the level of Trustee involvement in the strategic plan, and spoke of the need for having a staff person solely dedicated to implementation of the plan. There was a lengthy discussion about the merits of both the plan as well as the *U.S. News and World Report* rankings. Trustee Pryse indicated that she would like to see a presentation on the *USNWR* rankings, and expressed some concern that this is the primary metric being used in the strategic plan.

After further discussion, Chair Gregg called for a motion. Vice Chair Jubran moved that the committee recommend the following Resolution for adoption by the Board of Trustees:

RESOLVED: The University of Tennessee, Knoxville Strategic Plan known as Vol Vision 2020 is approved as presented.

Trustee Lampley seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

VII. TENURE RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. High presented the list of faculty members recommended for tenure (Exhibit 4) and offered remarks on the purpose, scope, and processes related to tenure of University of Tennessee faculty.

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

RESOLVED: Tenure is granted to the faculty members recommended by the President in the particular unit, department, school, or college of a campus as indicated in the meeting materials.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

VIII. DIVERSITY ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATE

Dr. Noma Anderson presented on the membership and work of the Diversity Advisory Council (DAC), and spoke to the following: the outcomes of the DAC for AY 2015-16, membership representation, women and minority vendors, and data trends from 2011 through 2015 (Exhibit 5).

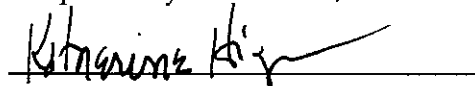
IX. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to come before the committee.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gregg adjourned the meeting at 10:00 am EST.

Respectfully Submitted,



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