The winter meeting of the Board of Trustees of The University of Tennessee was held at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, February 22, 2001, in 305 Randolph Student/Alumni Center, UT Health Science Center, Memphis.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Mrs. Johnnie D. Amonette, Vice Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order, and Mr. William B. Sansom gave the invocation.

II. ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll, and the following were present:

Mrs. Johnnie Amonette
Mrs. Barbara C. Castleman
Mr. B. C. “Scooter” Clippard
Mr. Charles E. Coffey
Mr. J. Steven Ennis
Dr. Maurice Field
Dr. J. Wade Gilley
Mr. Robert Hamilton
Mr. James A. Haslam, II
Mr. Waymon L. Hickman
Mrs. Rhynette N. Hurd
Mr. Jerry L. Jackson
Mr. D. Lynn Johnson
Mr. Frank J. Kinser
Mrs. Andrea J. Loughry
Mr. R. Clayton McWhorter
Mr. Arnold E. Perl
Dr. Richard Rhoda
Mr. William B. Sansom
Mr. John C. Thornton
The Secretary announced that a quorum was present.

III. INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

President J. Wade Gilley introduced Mrs. Rhynette Hurd, newly appointed Trustee from Memphis, and presented a Trustee lapel pin to her. He introduced and invited comments from representatives of the National Alumni Association, the Development Council, the Student Government Association and the Faculty Senate.

IV. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President J. Wade Gilley provided a progress report on the goal to move The University of Tennessee into the ranks of the top twenty-five public research universities in the nation as well as providing examples of facility improvements necessary throughout the University in order to make it more competitive (Exhibit 1).

V. HEALTH SCIENCE REPORT

Vice President Bill Rice reported on the educational and research programs at the Health Science Center and the strengths and weaknesses of those programs as well as progress that has been made and needs that remain in the areas of salaries and space.

VI. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS

Mr. James A. Haslam moved approval of the minutes of the October 20, 2000 fall Board meeting. Mr. Frank J. Kinser seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Secretary reported there was no unfinished business to come before the Board.
VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

1. Fiscal Year 2000-2001 Revised Budget (Exhibit 2). Mr. J. Steven Ennis moved approval of the revisions to the original budget as presented in the FY 2000-2001 revised budget document and the salary increases proposed by the Administration and approved by both the Compensation Committee of the Board of Trustees and the Finance and Administration Committee and incorporated in the FY 2000-2001 Revised Budget (Exhibit 2). Mr. D. Lynn Johnson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval of Proposed Revenue Funded Project: Eye Institute, UT Health Science Center. Mr. William B. Sansom moved approval of the revenue funded Eye Institute, UT Health Science Center (Exhibit 3). Mr. James A. Haslam, II, seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Policy on the Naming of Facilities and Other Assets. Mr. William B. Sansom moved to approve the policy on the naming of facilities and other assets (Exhibit 4). Mr. Frank J. Kinser seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Retirement Incentive for Agricultural Extension Service. Mr. D. Lynn Johnson moved approval of the retirement incentive for Agricultural Extension Service employees (Exhibit 5). Mrs. Andrea J. Loughry seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Resolution of Appreciation to Governor Don Sundquist. Mr. John C. Thornton presented and moved adoption of a Resolution (Exhibit 6) expressing appreciation to Governor Don Sundquist for his support and budgetary recommendations for higher education and The University of Tennessee in particular. Mr. James A. Haslam, II said the Finance Committee made a similar motion and asked the Resolution be amended to urge local representatives to support Governor Sundquist’s Higher Education Initiative and find appropriate funding. Mr. Haslam seconded, and the amended Resolution was unanimously adopted.
B. REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. Approval of Reduction in College of Medicine Class Size from 165 to 150. Mr. Charles E. Coffey moved approval of the reduction in the College of Medicine class size from 165 to 150 (Exhibit 7). Mr. J. Steven Ennis seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

C. REPORT OF THE ADVANCEMENT AND OUTREACH COUNCIL. Council Chairman Arnold Perl reported the Council met in Nashville to coincide with the Governor’s State of the State address and was joined by leaders in state government including the Deputy Governor Wendell Moore, Speaker Jimmy Naifeh, Lieutenant Governor John Wilder, the Commissioner of Finance Warren Neel, and the constitutional officers. UT Trustees attended the Governor’s State of the State address, and Dr. Gilley, Mrs. Amonette and he testified before the Senate Finance Committee.

D. REPORT OF THE FACULTY AND STUDENT COUNCIL. Mrs. Susan R. Williams, Chairman, reported the Council will meet in conjunction with the April Board meeting to be held in Martin.

E. REPORT OF THE LIAISON COMMITTEES

1. UT Chattanooga Liaison Committee. Mr. Frank Kinser reported the UTC Liaison Committee is an active participant in the search for and implementation of ways the University in Chattanooga can improve and enhance its community mission, identify and fulfill its campus needs both short term and long term and strengthen its autonomy. He noted the recent progress that has been made on the campus in Chattanooga and stressed the need for continued emphasis on improvements that would make the campus even more inviting to potential students.

2. UT Martin Liaison Committee. Mr. Jerry Jackson said the number one priority on the Martin campus is choosing a new chancellor. The Search Committee, which includes the Liaison Committee, faculty, student and community representatives, has reviewed approximately forty resumes. The search has been narrowed to seven candidates, and the field will be narrowed to a group of finalists whose names will be submitted to Dr. Gilley and a recommendation will be for final approval of the Board of Trustees at its April meeting in Martin.
F. REPORT OF GRADUATES. The Secretary reported graduates at commencements held on December 16, 2000, at The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (Exhibit 8); December 16, 2000 at The University of Tennessee in Knoxville (Exhibit 9); December 1, 2000, at The University of Tennessee at Martin (Exhibit 10, and December 17, 2000, at The University of Tennessee Health Science Center (Exhibit 11).

X. OTHER BUSINESS

The Secretary announced the remaining meetings for 2001:

1. Spring meeting in Martin: April 25-26, 2001
2. Annual meeting in Knoxville: June 27-28, 2001
3. Fall meeting in Knoxville: October 4-5, 2001

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Catherine S. Mizell
Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary