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The Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Tennessee met at 10:15 am CST, Wednesday, February 29, 2012, in the O.D. Larry Dining Hall in the Student Alumni Center on the University of Tennessee Health Science Center campus, Memphis, TN.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Spruell Driver called the meeting to order at 10:16 am. He then welcomed those remotely participating via live video conference on the various UT campuses.

II. Roll Call

Dr. Katie High called the roll.

The following voting members were present:

Mr. Spruell Driver
Dr. Toby Boulet
Mr. John Foy
The Honorable Julius Johnson
Mr. Karl Schledwitz
Ms. Carey Smith
Mr. Don Stansberry

The following non-voting members were also present:

Dr. Vince Anfara
Dr. L.B. Brown
Dr. Joseph DiPietro
Ms. Teresa Fowler
Ms. Dee Helton
Mr. Jason King
Dr. Mike McCullough
Mr. Ross Rowland
Mr. Todd Skelton
Dr. Victoria Steinberg

The following members were absent:

Ms. Monice Hagler
Commissioner Kevin Huffman
Ms. Pamela Matthews
Dr. Rich Rhoda
Mr. Shalin Shah
Mr. Tommy Whattaker
Mr. Alex Wilson

Dr. High announced that a quorum was present.

III. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Driver entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

Trustee Foy moved to approve the minutes. Dr. Boulet seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IV. Grant of Expedited Tenure

Chairman Driver presented action item: Grant of Expedited Tenure at UT Knoxville. Dr. High presented the background. Three UTK faculty members are being considered for tenure under the expedited procedures: Dr. Terry Hazen, Governor's Chair and Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering; Dr. Mingzhou Jin, Associate Professor in the Department of Industrial and Informational Engineering; and Dr. Jindong Tan, Associate Professor in the Department of Mechanical, Aerospace and Biomedical Engineering.

Dr. DiPietro recommended expedited tenure to these newly appointed UT Knoxville faculty.

Chairman Driver entertained a motion to grant tenure. Trustee Boulet moved to approve and Trustee Foy seconded the motion.

Dr. High took a roll-call vote. The following members voted to approve:

Chairman Driver
Trustee Boulet
Trustee Fowler
Trustee Foy
Trustee Johnson
Trustee Schledwitz
Trustee Smith
Trustee Stansberry

There were no votes in the negative, no further discussion and the motion carried.

V. Report of Institutional Data

Chairman Driver introduced this information item by reviewing the Institutional Research items presented at the Fall Board of Trustees Meeting and the subsequent requests made at that meeting. He then introduced Dr. Dennis Hengstler.

Dr. Dennis Hengstler, Director of Institutional Research for the UT System, presented data on strategic indicators for The University of Tennessee. The material included a PowerPoint presentation and back-up information on the following: diversity of students, faculty and staff; ethnicity headcounts by campus; peer comparisons; the ethnic composition of Tennessee high school graduates, and college-going patterns of Tennessee high school graduates. The information was included in the Board materials.

Trustee Wharton asked what overall grade UT should be given regarding diversity. Dr. DiPietro responded that he would rate us at a C+.

Trustees Schledwitz and Wharton requested that, at the next meeting, specific plans be presented for how the university intends to improve diversity.

Each of the campuses reported on the various diversity programs offered to students and faculty.

VI. SACS Update

Chairman Driver introduced the information agenda item: SACS Update.

Dr. High explained that UT is proposing a change in how our SACS accreditation is structured. In 1999, then UT President J. Wade Gilley formed a task force, chaired by then-UTHSC Chancellor Bill Rice, to examine possible restructuring within the university. The task force recommended that the university be structured as follows:

<u>The University of Tennessee</u>	<u>UT Martin</u>	<u>UT Chattanooga</u>
UT Knoxville UT Institute of Agriculture UT Health Science UT Space Institute Institute for Public Service	UT Martin Campus	UT Chattanooga Campus

That restructuring occurred. The position of Chancellor of UT Knoxville was eliminated, and the President served as the CEO of both the Knoxville campus and the UT System administration.

In 2000, the restructuring resulted in The University of Tennessee becoming accredited as one unit. The University of Tennessee – as a single unit – was reaffirmed by SACS in 2005. The University of Tennessee submitted its mid-cycle report to SACS in 2011, and SACS reaffirmation is scheduled for 2015.

In the summer of 2011, after SACS received the mid-cycle report, SACS staff recommended that The University of Tennessee re-examine its accreditation status as a single institution. In November, 2011, UT President Joe DiPietro, Chancellor Jimmy Cheek and members of his staff, Chancellor Steve Schwab and members of his staff, IPS Vice President Mary Jinks, UTIA Chancellor Larry Arrington, and Interim Vice President Katie High met with Dr. Steve Sheeley, Vice President for SACS. The result of that meeting was a decision to reconfigure The University of Tennessee, for SACS Accreditation purposes, into two units, as follows:

<u>UT Knoxville</u>	<u>UT Health Science Center</u>
UT Knoxville Campus UT Space Institute Institute of Agriculture	UTHSC Memphis Campus

The rationale behind this decision was that since 2000 The University of Tennessee's organization has changed.

The next steps in this process are as follows:

Dr. DiPietro will submit a request to SACS for the following:

1. Change the name of the institution for SACS purposes. We will no longer be known as The University of Tennessee. We will split into two institutions: UT Knoxville and UT Health Science Center. UT Knoxville will include the Knoxville campus, the Institute of Agriculture (since the academic programs are already part of UT Knoxville) and the UT Space Institute.
2. The UT Health Science Center will apply for accreditation as a separate institution.

The SACS board will act on the request at their June 2012 meeting. If approved, UT Knoxville and UTHSC will both go through a process in 2015 to be accredited separately. This SACS accreditation status will more closely align with the university's structure.

There was some concern that the changes would have a negative effect on IPS, and Dr. DiPietro responded that he would investigate the impact on IPS.

VII. Inaugurating a One-Stop Center at UT Knoxville

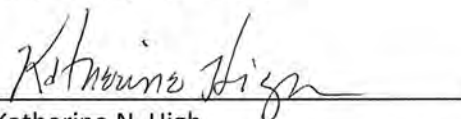
Chairman Driver introduced Dr. Susan Martin to present a new program for students on the Knoxville campus, a "One-Stop Center."

With no other business brought to the Chair, Chairman Driver entertained a motion to adjourn.

The motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Schledwitz and seconded by Trustee Foy.

The meeting was adjourned at: 11:52 am CST.

Respectfully Submitted,



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