

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
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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 am EST, Friday, November 9, 2012, in Hollingsworth Auditorium on the campus of The University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture in Knoxville, Tennessee.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Spruell Driver called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL

Dr. Katie High, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs and Student Success, called the roll, and the following committee members were present:

Spruell Driver
Joseph DiPietro
Teresa Fowler
John Foy
Monice Hagler
Julius Johnson
Rich Rhoda
Karl Schledwitz
Shalin Shah
Don Stansberry
Victoria Steinberg
Tommy Whittaker
Janet Wilbert

The following Non-voting Faculty and Student Representatives were present:

Bradley Bell
Deborah McAllister

Robert Nanney
Adam Roddy
James Rogers
Todd Sanders
Steve Thomas
Shelbey Thompson
Thad Wilson

The following were absent:

Matthew Barnes
Kevin Huffman
Alex Wilson

Dr. High announced that a quorum was present.

III. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Chair Driver entertained a motion to approve the June 21, 2012 committee minutes. Trustee Wilbert moved approval of the minutes. Trustee Foy seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IV. OPENING REMARKS BY COMMITTEE CHAIR

In the interest of time, Chair Driver waived opening remarks and asked Dr. High to present the first action item.

V. PROGRAM OF STUDY LEADING TO THE DEGREE OF MASTERS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT AT UTHSC - ACTION/CONSENT

Dr. High introduced Dr. Cheryl Scheid, UTHSC Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, to present the program to the committee.

Dr. Scheid explained that the new program is an intensive 24-month, year-round program that includes one year of classroom and laboratory instruction followed by one year of supervised clinical practice rotations. During the first year, students will be taught by faculty from the College of Allied Health and the College of Medicine, and will share access to the Simulation Center under construction with other Allied Health students as well as medical, dental, nursing, and pharmacy students. In the second year, Physician Assistant

students will be placed in clinical settings at the many affiliated hospitals and medical practices in the area for hands-on education in family practice, emergency medicine, pediatrics, general surgery, women's health and behavioral medicine. The PA graduate will be able to immediately contribute to the health care team, working under the supervision of a licensed physician. There is high demand for the program, graduates have high rates of placement, and PAs can prescribe drugs.

The proposal has gone through all campus and system level reviews and has the full support of UTHSC Chancellor Steve Schwab and UT President Joe DiPietro.

Trustee Hagler moved to approve the program (Exhibit 1). Trustee Foy seconded and the motion carried.

VI. HONORARY DEGREE, UT KNOXVILLE - ACTION/CONSENT

Dr. High introduced Chancellor Jimmy Cheek, who presented the UT Knoxville proposal to award the degree of Honorary Doctor of Engineering to Charles O. "Chad" Holliday at the Fall 2012 commencement ceremony. Chancellor Cheek reported that the proposal has been approved through established campus procedures in accordance with the Board Policy on Honorary Degrees.

President DiPietro moved approval of the awarding of the degree of Honorary Doctor of Engineering from UT Knoxville to Charles O. "Chad" Holliday (Exhibit 2). Trustee Schledwitz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

VII. FALL ENROLLMENT REPORT - INFORMATION

Chair Driver introduced Dr. Dennis Hengstler, who updated the committee on enrollment, student outcomes, and student quality (Exhibit 3). Following the presentation and discussion, the committee asked that summer school enrollment numbers be presented at the Winter Meeting in February 2013.

VIII. SACS STATUS REPORTS (UTHSC, UTK, UTM) - INFORMATION

Dr. High provided a brief report (Exhibit 4) updating the committee on SACS accreditation at the UT Health Science Center, Knoxville and Martin campuses.

IX. PRESENTATION ON ADVISING -INFORMATION

Dr. Ruth Darling, Assistant Provost for Student Success at UT Knoxville, Dr. Fran Bender, Assistant Provost for Retention and Student Success at UT Chattanooga, and Brandy Cartmell, Interim Executive Director of Student Engagement and Director of Academic Records & Registrar at UT Martin, presented information on advising programs at their campuses (Exhibit 5).

Discussion centered on financial advising for students to reduce student debt and the number of hours a student should take to complete a degree in four years.

Trustee Stansberry said he is encouraged by the good things happening on all three campuses in the area of advising. He urged each campus to consider whether effective programs at the other campuses could be adapted for their own campus.

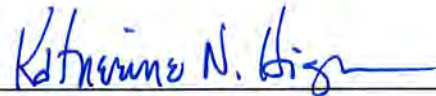
X. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Driver adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



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