

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. EDT, Friday, October 9, 2015, in Hollingsworth Auditorium on the campus of The University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture in Knoxville.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Vicky Gregg 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	Mr. John Keny
Dr. Susan Davidson	Mr. Brad Lampley
Dr. Russ Deaton	Dr. Bruce MacLennan
Dr. Joseph DiPietro	Dr. Roberto Mancusi
Dr. Brian Donavant	Commissioner Candice McQueen
Mr. John Foy	Ms. Miranda Rutan
Mr. Will Freeman	Ms. Hannah Turcotte
Dr. David Golden	Ms. Julia Wells
Ms. Vicky Gregg, Chair	Mr. Charles Wharton
Commissioner Julius Johnson	Dr. Thad Wilson
Mr. Raja Jubran	Ms. Rachel Wolters

Ms. Dina Ali was absent. Dr. High announced the presence of a quorum of the voting members of the Committee. Other Trustees, administrative staff, members of the public, and representatives of the media were also present.

### **III. OPENING REMARKS BY COMMITTEE CHAIR**

Chair Gregg welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked the new Trustees and the faculty and student representatives to introduce themselves.

### **IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes of the Last Meeting
- B. UT Knoxville Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts Degree, Robin Klehr Avia (Exhibit 1)
- C. UT Knoxville Honorary Doctor of Business Degree, Fred Smith (Exhibit 2)
- D. Grant of Tenure to Dr. Paul Dalhaimer (Exhibit 3)
- E. Grant of Tenure to UT Knoxville Faculty Members under Expedited Procedures (Exhibit 4)

Chair Gregg referred the Committee to the Consent Agenda and asked if any member wished to have an item removed from the Consent Agenda. Hearing no requests to remove an item, the Chair called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was made by Trustee Lampley, seconded by Trustee Wells, and the Consent Agenda was approved.

### **V. PROPOSAL FOR A PROGRAM OF STUDY LEADING TO THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS IN UNITED STATES BUSINESS LAW AT UT KNOXVILLE**

Chair Gregg introduced Dr. John Zomchick, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs at UT Knoxville, who presented the proposal (Exhibit 5).

Trustee Wharton moved that the program of study leading to the degree of Master of Laws (LL.M) in United States Business Law at UT Knoxville be approved. The motion was seconded by Trustee Jubran and carried unanimously.

### **VI. PROPOSED STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT FOR UT KNOXVILLE**

Chair Gregg asked Dr. Vince Carilli, Vice Chancellor for the Division of Student Life, to present the new Student Code of Conduct for UT Knoxville (Exhibit 6).

There was a lengthy discussion following the presentation, particularly regarding the preponderance of evidence standard of proof under the Code of Conduct. Trustees Gallimore and Wharton expressed great concern about the preponderance of evidence standard in cases of alleged sexual assault. There

was additional discussion regarding the number of sexual assault reports on the Knoxville campus, as well as the jurisdiction of the Code, and feedback from the Greek community.

Dr. Carilli, Deputy General Counsel Matthew Scoggins, UTK SGA President Will Freeman, and Student Conduct and Community Standards Interim Director James Jackson offered additional information and answered questions.

Trustee Murphy requested that information on the outcome of all UT Knoxville sexual assault cases resolved in the last two to three years be provided prior to the full Board of Trustees meeting. Mr. Scoggins and Dr. Carilli agreed to provide that information.

There being no further discussion, Chair Gregg called for a motion. Trustee Golden moved that the proposed Student Code of Conduct for The University of Tennessee, Knoxville be adopted as Chapter 1720-04-03 of the Rules of The University of Tennessee, superseding the current Chapter 1720-04-03 after completion of the rulemaking procedures under the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act. Trustee Blue seconded that motion, and it carried.

## **VII. FALL ENROLLMENT REPORT**

Chair Gregg recognized Dr. Katie High to present the report (Exhibit 7). Dr. High presented the report on enrollment, freshman retention, and graduation rates since 2014.

There was a brief discussion following the presentation.

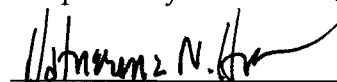
## **VIII. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no further business.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am EDT.

Respectfully Submitted,



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