

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE

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Chattanooga, Tennessee

The Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee of The University of Tennessee Board of Trustees met at 8:30 a.m. EDT, Wednesday, March 29, 2017, in the University Center on the campus of The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gregg called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL

Vice President Katherine N. High called the roll, and the following members of the Committee were present:

Dr. Susan Davidson	Ms. Julia Wells*
Dr. Joe DiPietro	Mr. Charles Wharton*
Mr. John Foy*	Dr. Terry Cooper
Ms. Vicky Gregg*	Mr. Carson Hollingsworth
Mr. Raja Jubran*	Ms. Shalini Yerukala
Dr. Jeff Rogers*	Dr. Bonnie Ownly
Ms. Miranda Rutan*	Dr. Bob Bradley
Ms. Rachel Smith	Ms. Kelsey Weaver
Mr. Jai Templeton*	

*Indicates voting members of the Committee.

Dr. High announced the presence of a quorum of voting members. Other Trustees, administrative staff, members of the public, and media representatives were also present.

Chair Gregg welcomed all to the meeting and requested that the Trustees, faculty representatives, and student leaders introduce themselves. Next, Chair Gregg invited Dr. High to provide an update on two key initiatives from the Office of Academic Affairs and Student Success.

Dr. High reported that the Reverse Transfer initiative has resulted in an additional 1,500 college degrees in Tennessee. She also reported that the statewide Transfer

Summit, which met in February 2017, drew nearly 150 staff of two- and four-year higher education institutions across Tennessee. Additionally, Dr. High reported that over 50 UT math instructors attended a two-day summit in March 2017, aimed at increasing student success in mathematics on the Knoxville, Chattanooga, and Martin campuses.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Gregg called the Committee's attention to the Consent Agenda and asked if any member wanted to remove an item to the Committee's Regular Agenda. There being no request to remove an item, a member moved that the Committee approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting and further moved that the following action items on the March 29, 2017 Consent Agenda of the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee be recommended for approval by the Full Board by unanimous consent:

1. Honorary Doctoral Degree Awarded by the Knoxville Campus (Exhibit 1)
2. Knoxville's New Program for a M.S. in Supply Chain Management (Exhibit 2)
3. Proposed Modification to Knoxville's Existing Sustainability Program (Exhibit 3)

The motion was seconded and carried.

IV. NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAM: Ph.D. IN DATA SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING, UT KNOXVILLE

Dr. Lee Riedinger, Director of the Bredesen Center and Professor of Physics at UT Knoxville, provided an overview of the proposed interdisciplinary doctoral degree that combines Data Science and Engineering and is the second such program developed from a partnership with the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (Exhibit 4).

Following questions, answers, and positive comments about the proposed program, a member moved that the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee recommend the following Resolution for adoption by the Board of Trustees:

RESOLVED: The proposal for a new academic program leading to a Ph.D. degree in Data Science and Engineering at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville is approved.

The motion was seconded and carried.

V. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON STUDENT CONDUCT, RIGHTS, AND RESPONSIBILITIES/UT KNOXVILLE STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Chair Gregg recognized Trustee Julia Wells, Chair *Pro Tempore* of the Subcommittee on Student Conduct, Rights, and Responsibilities, for the Subcommittee's report and recommendations. She asked UT Knoxville Vice Chancellor Vince Carilli to present the proposed Student Code of Conduct. Vice Chancellor Carilli first reiterated the extensive work involved in the Code's revision process. Next, he highlighted significant proposed revisions to the Code last approved by the Board in October 2015. A full description of the proposed revisions was included in the meeting materials, along with a complete copy of the proposed Code (Exhibit 5). Chair Wells reported that the Subcommittee recommended approval of the proposed UT Knoxville Student Code of Conduct.

Chair Wells then moved that the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee recommend adoption of the following Resolution by the Board of Trustees:

RESOLVED: The Student Code of Conduct for The University of Tennessee, Knoxville is approved as presented in the meeting materials and will supersede the current Chapter 1720-04-03 of the Rules of The University of Tennessee after completion of the rulemaking procedures under the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act.

The motion was seconded and carried.

VI. REVISIONS TO UT MARTIN FACULTY HANDBOOK

Chancellor Keith Carver provided a brief overview of two proposed revisions to the UT Martin Faculty Handbook: (1) new subsection 5.7.2 pertaining to compensated outside services; and (2) new subsection 5.7.3 pertaining to conflicts of interest (Exhibit 6). He explained that the proposed language on compensated outside services is consistent with the language of the other campus handbooks. The proposed language on conflicts of interest is intended to broaden the admonition beyond mere disclosure of outside financial interests.

Trustee Foy moved that the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee recommend the following Resolution for adoption by the Board of Trustees:

RESOLVED: The proposed revisions to the UT Martin Faculty Handbook are approved as presented in the meeting materials.

The motion was seconded and carried.

VII. REVISIONS TO UT MARTIN UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION AND CONTINUATION REQUIREMENTS

Chancellor Carver provided an overview of three proposed changes to UT Martin's policies on undergraduate admission and continuation (Exhibit 7):

- (1) Implementing the use of a super-score for both the ACT and SAT tests, while also eliminating score waivers for non-traditional students;
- (2) Requiring non-traditional adult students to do one of the following: provide ACT scores, take a placement test, or opt to begin in basic level courses; and
- (3) Providing course load limit information for students classified as "Academically Eligible - Warning."

Trustee Foy moved that the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee recommend the following Resolution for adoption by the Board of Trustees:

RESOLVED: The proposed revisions to the UT Martin admission and continuation requirements are approved as presented in the meeting materials.

The motion was seconded and carried.

VIII. UTC PRESENTATION ON STUDENT SUCCESS

Dr. Jerald Ainsworth, Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor at UT Chattanooga, presented an update on the campus' student success initiatives and outcomes (Exhibit 8). Specifically, UT Chattanooga has: (a) created a new advising program for current students; (b) implemented new advising and support services targeting new students who plan to enroll at UTC; (c) established an advisory council; and (d) developed new career maps for each academic major. Provost Ainsworth reported that these initiatives have increased student retention by 4.9% between 2013 and 2015 and raised the graduation rate by 5% between 2014 and 2016. Committee members

expressed support for UTC's strategic initiatives in this very important area and applauded the improving retention and graduation rates.


IX. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to come before the Committee.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Gregg adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katherine N. High", is written over a solid horizontal line.

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