

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

October 18, 2018  
Knoxville, Tennessee

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair John Compton called the meeting to order and asked the Secretary, Catherine S. Mizell, to call the roll.

**II. ROLL CALL**

The Secretary first addressed the Open Meetings Act requirements for meetings conducted with members participating by telephone, including the requirement that all votes be conducted by roll call. She announced that in addition to Chair Compton and Trustee Miles, others present at the meeting location in Knoxville included President DiPietro, other members of the administrative staff, and representatives of the media. The Secretary then proceeded to call the roll, and the following members were present:

John C. Compton, Chair  
Amy E. Miles  
William (Bill) C. Rhodes III (by telephone)  
Donald J. Smith  
Kim H. White (by telephone)

The Secretary announced the presence of a quorum. Trustees participating by telephone confirmed that no one else was present at their location.

**III. APPOINTMENT OF A NON-VOTING STUDENT TRUSTEE**

As described in the meeting materials, under the UT FOCUS Act, Public Chapter 657 (2018), the Board of Trustees includes a non-voting Student Trustee appointed by the Board. The Act provides for the appointment to rotate annually among the campuses as follows: UT Health Science Center, UT Knoxville, UT Martin, and UT Chattanooga. At its organizational meeting on August 1, the Board authorized the Executive Committee to appoint a Health Science Center student to serve for a term beginning on the date of appointment and ending on June 30, 2019. This action was necessary to ensure the appointment would be made before the next regular meeting of the Board.

The Chancellor and Vice Chancellor for Academic, Faculty, and Student Affairs at the Health Science Center were asked to carry out the nomination process, as described in the meeting materials, ending with the Chancellor's recommendation of up to three nominees to the Chair of the Board. Chancellor Schwab submitted the names of three exceptional Health Science Center students:

Alicia Guthrie, College of Pharmacy  
Kenneth Ian Packer, College of Nursing  
Jameson H. Sorrels, College of Medicine

The Chair opened the discussion by briefly describing the background of each nominee and noting that they are very impressive. Trustee Miles agreed and said the Board of Trustees would be well served by any of the nominees. She expressed appreciation to Chancellor Schwab for submitting such outstanding nominees. Trustee Rhodes added that the nominees make you feel great about the University and the type of people, both the faculty and students, we are attracting. Trustee Smith concurred.

The Chair explained that Chancellor Schwab ultimately recommended Kenneth Ian Packer for the appointment, and he decided to accept the Chancellor's recommendation. He noted that it has been at least 18 years since a Nursing student has served as a Student Trustee. Trustee White added that Mr. Packer brings the perspective of having been a student at two different UT campuses, and his real world experience would make him a great voice on the Board. Trustee Miles said Mr. Packer's military experience and experience on two campuses also stood out to her, along with his outstanding academic performance.

Hearing no further discussion, the Chair moved adoption of the following Resolution presented in the meeting materials:

Resolution 008-2018  
Appointment of the Non-voting Student Trustee

Resolved: The Executive Committee, acting on behalf of the Board of Trustees under authority of Resolution 003-2018 adopted on August 1, 2018, appoints Kenneth Packer as the non-voting Student Trustee for a term beginning October 18, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019.

Adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018.

Trustee Miles seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously by a roll-call vote.

Chair Compton asked the Secretary to inform Mr. Packer of his appointment and to send a note to the other two nominees applauding their outstanding accomplishments and expressing appreciation for their interest in serving on the Board.

#### **IV. APPOINTMENT OF A FACULTY MEMBER TO THE EDUCATION, RESEARCH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE**

As described in the meeting materials, under the UT FOCUS Act, Public Chapter 657 (2018), a full-time faculty member serves as a voting member of the Education, Research, and Service Committee, the standing committee of the Board with responsibility for oversight of academic affairs and student success. The Act provides for the appointment to rotate annually among the campuses in the order determined by the Board. At its organizational meeting on August 1, the Board authorized the Executive Committee to appoint a full-time faculty member at UT Knoxville to the Education, Research, and Service Committee beginning on the date of appointment and ending on June 30, 2019. This action was necessary to ensure the appointment would be made before the next regular meeting of the Board. The Board also determined that thereafter the appointment will rotate according to the following sequence: UT Martin, UT Chattanooga, UT Health Science Center, and UT Knoxville.

The Chancellor and Provost at UT Knoxville were asked to carry out the nomination process described in the meeting materials, ending with the Chancellor's recommendation of up to three nominees to the Chair of the Board. Chancellor Davis submitted to the Chair the names of two exceptional faculty members:

Dr. Mary Holcomb, Gerald T. Niedert Professor of Supply Chain Management

Dr. Bonnie Ownley, Professor and Graduate Studies Director, Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology

Chair Compton noted that Dr. Holcomb has been at UT Knoxville for 30 years and has been a key part of the Supply Chain curriculum, which is ranked number 2 or number 3 in the country. Dr. Ownley also has a remarkable background and in addition has served as both a member and President of the UT Knoxville Faculty Senate and as a member of the University Faculty Council, a system-wide body that advises the President on faculty matters. Trustee Miles said that as with the Student Trustee appointment, the Committee has been presented with outstanding nominees, each of whom would serve the Board well as a member of the Education, Research, and Service Committee.

The Chair said he decided to recommend Dr. Bonnie Ownley for the appointment, which is consistent with Chancellor Davis' letter of recommendation in which he explained that although either nominee would be a valuable member of the ERS Committee, he recommended Dr. Ownley as the first choice based on her endorsement by both the Faculty Senate and the Dean of the Herbert College of Agriculture.

Hearing no further discussion, the Chair moved adoption of the following Resolution presented in the meeting materials:

Resolution 009-2018  
Appointment of a Faculty Member to the  
Education, Research, and Service Committee

Resolved: The Executive Committee, acting on behalf of the Board of Trustees under authority of Resolution 004-2018 adopted on August 1, 2018, appoints Dr. Bonnie Ownley as a voting member of the Education, Research, and Service Committee for a term beginning October 18, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019.

Adopted this 18th day of October, 2018.

Trustee Rhodes seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously by a roll-call vote.

Chair Compton asked the Secretary to inform Dr. Ownley of her appointment and to send a note to Dr. Holcomb expressing appreciation for allowing the Committee to consider her for the appointment and thanking her for her long and outstanding career with the University. The Chair thanked Chancellor Davis, Chancellor Schwab, and Ms. Mizell for making the appointment process for the Student Trustee and the faculty member of the ERS Committee move forward quickly so that both will be able to serve at the upcoming Fall Meeting of the Board.

## V. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Catherine S. Mizell, Secretary