

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE AND
SUBCOMMITTEE ON STUDENT CONDUCT, RIGHTS, AND RESPONSIBILITIES
June 22, 2018
Knoxville, Tennessee

The joint meeting of the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee and the Subcommittee on Student Conduct, Rights and Responsibilities of The University of Tennessee Board of Trustees was held at 8:30 a.m. EDT, Friday, June 22, 2018, in the Hollingsworth Auditorium on the campus of The University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture in Knoxville.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Vicki Gregg called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALLS

Dr. Linda C. Martin, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Student Success, called the roll of the Committee, and the following members were present:

Trustees:

Vicki B. Gregg, Chair
Terrance G. Cooper
Joseph A. DiPietro (non-voting)
John N. Foy
Raja J. Jubran
Brad A. Lampley
Beauvais Lyons (non-voting)
Andrew P. McBride
Julia T. Wells
Charles Weber (non-voting)

Non-voting Faculty and Student Representatives:

Martin Donaldson, UTHSC Faculty Senate President
Chris Caldwell, UTM Faculty Senate President
Gretchen Potts, UTC Faculty Senate President
Anna Evans, UTHSC SGAEC President

Dr. Martin called the roll of the Subcommittee, and the following members were present:

Brad A. Lampley, Chair
Terrance G. Cooper
Andrew P. McBride
Julia T. Wells

Dr. Martin announced the presence of a quorum for both the Committee and Subcommittee. Trustees Whittaker, Krause, McQueen, Templeton, and Wharton, and non-voting student representatives Kabir, Ketch, Sulyok, Majors, Lewis, Meyers, and Sweetland were unable to attend. Other Trustees, administrative staff, members of the public, and representatives of the media were also present.

III. OPENING REMARKS

Chair Gregg welcomed new non-voting Student Trustee Charles Weber and new non-voting Faculty Trustee Beauvais Lyons to the Committee.

SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

Chair Gregg recognized Trustee Brad Lampley, Chair of the Subcommittee on Student Conduct, Rights, and Responsibilities, to chair the Subcommittee meeting.

IV. MINUTES OF THE LAST SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Chair Lampley called for any corrections to the minutes of the last meeting held on March 9, 2018. Hearing none, he called for the following prepared motion in the meeting materials:

I move that the reading of the minutes of the March 9, 2018 meeting of the Subcommittee on Student Conduct, Rights, and Responsibilities be omitted and the minutes be approved as presented in the meeting materials, provided that the Secretary shall be authorized to make any necessary edits to correct spelling errors, grammatical errors, format errors, or other technical errors subsequently identified.

The motion was duly made and seconded and passed unanimously.

V. AMENDMENT OF STUDENT CONDUCT RULES

Chair Lampley recognized General Counsel Matthew Scoggins, who presented changes to the Student Conduct Rules of all the campuses necessary to comply with new legislation, Public Chapter 980. He explained that UT Knoxville has additional revisions addressing the following topics: resolution agreements, disciplinary probation, deferred suspension, and records disclosure. In response to a question, Mr. Scoggins said the prevailing standard in sexual misconduct cases is a preponderance of the evidence.

Chair Lampley called the Subcommittee's attention to the Resolutions in the materials and called for a motion and second. By separate motions for each campus, Trustees Wells moved that the Subcommittee recommend the following Resolutions to the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee for recommendation to the Board of Trustees. Trustee Cooper seconded each motion, and each passed unanimously:

For the UTC Rules:

RESOLVED: The Board of Trustees adopts the amendment of Chapter 1720-02-05 of the Rules of The University of Tennessee, as presented in the meeting materials, to incorporate revisions to the student conduct rules of The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

For the UTHSC Rules:

RESOLVED: The Board of Trustees adopts the amendment of Chapter 1720-03-03 of the Rules of The University of Tennessee, as presented in

the meeting materials, to incorporate revisions to the student conduct rules of The University of Tennessee Health Science Center.

For the UTK Rules:

RESOLVED: The Board of Trustees adopts the amendment of Chapter 1720-04-03 of the Rules of The University of Tennessee, as presented in the meeting materials, to incorporate revisions to the student conduct rules of The University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

For the UTM Rules:

RESOLVED: The Board of Trustees adopts the amendment of Chapter 1720-05-01 of the Rules of The University of Tennessee, as presented in the meeting materials, to incorporate revisions to the student conduct rules of The University of Tennessee at Martin.

COMMITTEE ITEMS

Chair Gregg recognized Dr. Linda C. Martin, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Student Success, and asked her to provide opening comments before proceeding with the agenda. Dr. Martin's remarks focused on several state-wide programs, including Reverse Transfer degrees and Reconnect, as well as student success initiatives, such as the Math Summit that took place in April. She mentioned the success of the Program Effectiveness Taskforce and the launch of the Educational Advisory Board ("EAB") Academic Performance before end of 2018. The Office of Academic Affairs and Student Success is nearing the end of the search for a new Associate Vice President and is organizing a November Summit for the campus chief academic officers and chief student affairs officers.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Turning to the Consent Agenda, Chair Gregg asked if a member would like to remove any items from the Consent Agenda. Hearing none, the Chair called for the following motion:

I move that the Committee approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting as presented in the meeting materials and further move that the following items on the June 22, 2018 Consent Agenda of the Committee be recommended for approval by the full Board by unanimous consent:

- A. Program Modifications Leading to New Majors or Degree Designations**
 - 1. Construction Science and Agricultural Systems Major, B.S. (UTIA)**
 - 2. Agricultural Business, B.S. (UTM)**
- B. UT Knoxville Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters, Carla Hayden**
- C. 2018 Comprehensive Listing of Academic Programs**
- D. Ratification of Administrative Action to Terminate or Inactivate Academic Programs**

The motion was duly made and seconded and passed unanimously.

VII. ORNL UPDATE

Dr. Thomas Zacharia, Laboratory Director at the Oak Ridge National Lab, provided a brief overview on the status of the Lab. Dr. Zacharia noted the importance of several key initiatives, including:

- Training students for careers of the future in a research-intensive environment;
- Growing ORNL to become a leading lab that makes important, difficult, and strategic choices;
- Supporting more than 1,200 scientists and ensuring they are competing and collaborating with the best scientists in the world;
- Ensuring accountability for the highest levels of performance, security, and research

Vice Chair Jubran and President DiPietro thanked Dr. Zacharia for his service at ORNL and emphasized the benefits of the ORNL relationship to the University.

VIII. REVISED CAMPUS TENURE REVIEW PROCEDURES TO COMPLY WITH NEW REQUIREMENTS OF APPENDIX A OF THE BOARD TENURE POLICY

Dr. Martin explained that the new minimum requirements for campus tenure review procedures approved at the March 2018 Board meeting include the following: (1) the use of external letters for all tenure candidates; (2) a peer review of teaching for instructional faculty; and (3) an additional level of committee review beyond the faculty member's departmental committee.

Chair Gregg called for a motion to recommend the revised campus tenure review procedures for approval by the Board. A motion to recommend adoption of the following Resolution was duly made and seconded:

RESOLVED: The revised campus tenure review procedures to comply with new requirements of Appendix A of the Board tenure policy, and additional Faculty Handbook revisions proposed by the Health Science Center, are approved as presented in the meeting materials.

The motion passed unanimously.

IX. REVISED APPENDIX B AND APPENDIX C OF THE BOARD TENURE POLICY

General Counsel Matthew Scoggins presented an overview of proposed revisions to Appendices B and C of the Board tenure policy concerning termination of tenured faculty members. He explained that Appendix B outlines the procedures governing termination of a tenured or tenure-track faculty member based on unsatisfactory performance, while Appendix C governs termination for misconduct. He said the proposed revisions to Appendix B and Appendix C are designed to ensure that the process is completed in a timely manner. He added that Dr. Linda Martin had reviewed the proposed revisions with the Chief Academic Officers and the University Faculty Council.

Chair Gregg called for a motion and a second that the Committee recommend adoption of the following Resolution by the Board of Trustees:

RESOLVED: Revised Appendix B and Appendix C to the Board Policies on Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure are approved as presented in the meeting materials.

The motion was duly made and seconded and passed unanimously.

X. NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAM: BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN MECHATRONICS AND ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY (UTC)

UT Chattanooga Chancellor Steve Angle presented the new 2+2 program in Mechatronics, in partnership with Chattanooga State Community College. The program, designed with industry in mind, aligns with the efforts of companies and initiatives in the region. Chancellor Angle responded to several questions and said UT Chattanooga anticipates approximately 20 students to enroll the first year and predicts there will be 60 students enrolled by 2023.

Chair Gregg called for a motion and a second that the Committee recommend adoption of the following Resolution by the Board of Trustees:

RESOLVED: The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga is authorized to offer the degree of Bachelor of Applied Science in Mechatronics, subject to subsequent approval by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

The motion was duly made and seconded and passed unanimously.

XI. UT HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

Chancellor Steve Schwab of the UT Health Science Center provided an overview of the updated campus strategic plan. He said the campus will focus on improving strategies developed in the initial plan to provide clearer connections to objectives and outcomes. The new plan, *Transforming Lives-Communities-Health Care*, provides clear mission statements and goals pertaining to the institution's educational, research, and clinical missions, in addition to vision and values statements to guide the campus moving

forward. After Chancellor Schwab had responded to several questions, the Chair called for a motion and a second that the Committee recommend adoption of the following Resolution by the Board of Trustees:

RESOLVED: The Board of Trustees approves the proposed five-year strategic plan, FY 2018-19 through FY 2022-23, for the Health Science Center.

The motion was duly made and seconded and passed unanimously.

XII. UT MARTIN FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

Chancellor Keith Carver provided an overview of UT Martin's strategic plan, *Prepare for Takeoff*. Chancellor Carver noted some of the unique challenges in the Northwest Tennessee region, such as a declining population and resources, and indicated that the campus is seeking to expand efforts and address these issues to serve the region better. Over the next 24 months, UT Martin will work toward achieving the five goals outlined in the meeting materials. Chancellor Carver said some budgetary reallocation and increased giving efforts will be required, in addition to other efforts to improve accountability--notably the campus dashboard, which will be available on the UT Martin website.

Chancellor Carver and the Committee engaged in a brief discussion of the plan and the importance of annual targets, measures, and adjustments, which provide a living document for the campus to guide its future efforts. The Chair then called for a motion and a second that the Committee recommend adoption of the following Resolution by the Board of Trustees:

RESOLVED: The Board of Trustees approves the proposed five-year strategic plan, FY 2018-19 through FY 2022-23, for the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The motion was duly made and seconded and passed unanimously.

XIII. UPDATE ON EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD/ ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE SOLUTIONS

An update was provided in the meeting materials, but due to time constraints, Chair Gregg noted that this item would be deferred to a future Board meeting.

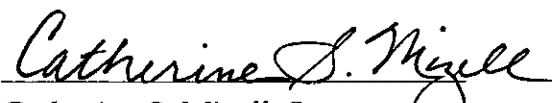
XIV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to come before the Committees.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,


Catherine S. Mizell, Secretary