

**Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee Meeting
June 15, 2023
Tennessee State University – Hankal Hall**

MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Trustees Pam Martin, Andre Johnson, Bill Johnson, and Shaun Wimberly.

Other Board Members Present: Trustees Steve Corbeil, Obie McKenzie, Deborah Cole, Van Pinnock

University Staff Present: President Glenda Glover; Laurence Pendleton, General Counsel and Board Secretary; Dean Frank Stevenson, Assoc. Vice President of Student Affairs; Terrence Izzard, Assoc. Vice President of Enrollment Management; Dr. Robbie Melton, Graduate School Dean; Dr. Arlene Nicholas-Phillips, Liaison to the Board of Trustees; Doug Allen, Vice President of Finance and Budget; Curtis Johnson, Vice President for Administration; Ginette Garza Brown, Associate General Counsel.

Before proceeding with the meeting, Chair Cole recognized the several new employees who were present, including new Chief Operating Officer, Jason Evans; Assistant Vice President of Customer Relations, Jessica Powell; and Director of Internal Audits, Renée Forbes-Williams.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Martin called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. on June 15, 2023.

II. ROLL CALL/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Board Secretary Pendleton called the roll at the Committee Chair's request. Trustees Pam Martin, Andre Johnson, Bill Jonson, and Shaun Wimberly were present. Secretary Pendleton announced the presence of a quorum. Chair Martin confirmed that there was a physical quorum present.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 16, 2023, COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Trustee Martin proceeded to the approval of the March 16, 2023, Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee meeting minutes.

Trustee Martin moved to recommend to the full Board the approval of the March 16, 2023, Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee meeting minutes, as contained in the Board materials for the June 15, 2023, Board meeting. Trustee B. Johnson seconded the motion, which carried by roll call vote with Trustees Martin, A. Johnson and B. Johnson voting in favor.

IV. APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024 TENURE AND PROMOTION RECOMMENDATIONS

Trustee Martin announced the next agenda item as an approval of tenure and promotion recommendation for the 2023-2024 academic year. Trustee Martin asked Dr. Glover or her designee to provide pertinent information related to this agenda item. President Glover designated Dr. Melton to provide pertinent information related to this agenda item. The material for this agenda item is contained in the Board materials for June 15, 2023.

Dr. Melton asked present deans and college representatives to stand and be recognized.

Dr. Melton presented the lists of individuals recommended for tenure and promotion. Dr. Melton reviewed the policy for tenure recommendation. Dr. Melton requested the approval of the award of tenure for 12 faculty members, as recommended by the President. Eighteen faculty members were also recommended for promotion.

Chair Martin moved to recommend to the full Board the approval of academic year 2023-2024 tenure and promotion recommendations, as contained in the Board materials for the June 15, 2023, Board meeting. Trustee Bill Johnson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

V. APPROVAL OF NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAM – M.S. IN BUSINESS DATA ANALYTICS

Chair Martin announced the next agenda item as the approval of a new academic program, a Master of Science in Business Data Analytics. Chair Martin asked President Glover or her designee to provide pertinent information related to this agenda item. The material for this agenda item is contained in the Board materials for June 15, 2023.

President Glover designated Dr. Melton to present on this item. Dr. Melton explained that program adjustments are done through appropriate processes and presented the new academic program to use data analytics to offer better business decision-making. There is a need for a workforce trained in this area, she explained.

Chair Martin moved to recommend to the full Board the approval of a new academic program, a M.S. in Business Data Analytics, as contained in the Board materials for the June 15, 2023, Board meeting. Trustee Bill Johnson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

VI. REPORT ON SACSCOC ACCREDITATION MATTERS

Trustee Martin asked President Glover or her designee to provide pertinent information related to this agenda item. The material for this agenda item is contained in the Board materials for June 15, 2023. This is an informational discussion item only without a vote requirement.

Dr. Melton provided the report. She reported that the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), at its December 4, 2022, meeting decided to

affirm the accreditation TSU for the 10-year maximum. On April 18, 2023, there was a required on-site visit, which was required after COVID. The Department of Education required a virtual meeting during COVID, but now SACSCOC wants to meet in-person.

A substantive change request was made to SACSCOC for the master's degree of Business Administration program at the Avon Williams campus. A Substantive Change Committee visit took place on April 18-20, 2023. The substantive change report was received back on April 20, 2023, with no recommendation, which is a desirable result. The report further included accommodation to the University for its SMART Technology Innovation Center.

VII. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS REPORT

Trustee Martin announced the next agenda item as the Academic Affairs Report. Information regarding this Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee agenda item is included in the Board materials dated June 15, 2023. Trustee Martin asked President Glover or her designee to provide pertinent information related to this agenda item. This is an informational discussion item only, so no vote was required.

Dr. Melton and Dean Chandra Reddy provided a report. Dean Reddy shared that the USDA issued TSU an \$18 million grant award. The project will attract more students to study agriculture, including scholarships. The USDA seeks to hire from the newly developed workforce.

Dr. Melton announced new and continuing partnerships, including the continuation of a partnership with NES to create an engineering and computer science pathway for NES employees and the Senior Saints at Schrader Lane, which brings support service to the community. Dean Morgan Curtis of the College of Liberal Arts reported on a Climate Innovation project with Vanderbilt University. Dr. Melton reported on the SMART Technology Innovation Center and its efforts to conduct training on artificial intelligence. The University received an award from the Hewlett Foundation toward this work.

VIII. STUDENT AFFAIRS REPORT

Trustee Martin announced the next agenda item as the Student Affairs Report. Information regarding this Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee agenda item is included in the Board materials dated June 15, 2023. Trustee Martin asked President Glover or her designee to provide pertinent information related to this agenda item. This is an informational discussion item only so no vote was required.

Dr. Glover designated Dean Stevenson to report on this agenda item. He reported on student housing. He noted that two assistant directors were added to focus on the student experience and on the actual facilities, including off-campus sites. He further noted an emphasis on the customer experience. Housing assignments are continuing. Students can note their preferences for housing assignments. Students will have a self-select option for hotels this year. The freshmen class is consistent with historic trends. About 1,200 first-time freshmen are anticipated. The large sophomore class is larger. The State Building Commission approved the use of hotels for housing. The number of expected beds for this fall is 4,368. On July 1, 2023, additional housing options

will be opened for students. Dean Stevenson noted continuing challenges, including aging buildings and the tough housing market in Nashville. He indicated that he presented the President with a plan for a reorganization of his department, which was approved by the President for additional staff.

A discussion was held regarding housing, including off-campus housing options, and challenges and additional needs. He noted, for example, the ability to create living-learning environments with off-campus housing. The speech and debate team, for example, would live together in such an arrangement this year. Dean Stevenson noted the high internet demand of students, which can impact housing.

Trustee Lewis commented on the need to move forward with an off-campus housing option. Chair Cole asked for an impact report with respect to the University's debt structure and a total picture of what the Court Villa project would look like.

IX. STUDENT AFFAIRS REPORT

Dean Stevenson reported a successful student affairs engagement for the spring semester. Student leadership efforts were successful. The Division of Student Affairs requested an increased budget for student health and wellness, including dental services, counseling services and health services for students. Counseling staff has increased 35%, including licensed counseling personnel and therapists. A nurse practitioner was added to wellness staff. He noted the need to increase spending on student wellness.

A career development fair was held on March 24, 2023, at the Gentry Center. Over 183 potential employers and about 750 students attended.

There was a discussion about student activities and engagement. Dean Stevenson suggested that he report back with additional information about student engagement activities and student space at the next meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Martin asked if there was any additional business. Seeing none, she moved to adjourn the meeting, and the motion was seconded by Trustee B. Johnson which carried unanimously by roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.