

**Tennessee State University Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting – November 21, 2019
Tennessee State University – Main Campus – Hankal Hall.
3500 John A. Merritt Blvd., Nashville, Tennessee**

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Dr. Joseph Walker, III, Dr. Deborah Cole, Mr. Stephen Corbeil, Dr. Richard Lewis, Mr. William Freeman, Ms. Pam Martin, Dr. Edith Peterson Mitchell, Dr. Ali Sekmen, Dr. Obie McKenzie (via phone), and Ms. Braxton Simpson.

University Board Staff Present: President Glenda Glover, General Counsel and Board Secretary, Laurence Pendleton, Arlene Nicholas-Phillips, Board Liaison.

Guests: Members of the President's Cabinet, Members of the Deans' Council, Representatives of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC), and university staff.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Walker called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 2:06 p.m., CST on November 21, 2019.

II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Board Chair welcomed the attendees. Chair Walker recognized AD Teresa Lawrence-Phillips as the soon-to-be retired Athletics Director and thanked her for serving TSU for 30 ½ years. Trustee Braxton Simpson gave the invocation.

III. ROLL CALL/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Chair Walker asked the Board Secretary, Laurence Pendleton, to call the roll. The following Trustees were present during roll call: Dr. Deborah Cole, Mr. Stephen Corbeil, Dr. Obie McKenzie (via phone), Dr. Richard Lewis, Mr. William Freeman, Ms. Pam Martin, Dr. Edith Peterson Mitchell, Dr. Ali Sekmen, Dr. Joseph Walker, III, and Ms. Braxton Simpson. Board Secretary Pendleton announced the presence of a quorum.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2019, BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Chair Walker introduced the first action item – the approval of the minutes of the September 26, 2019, board meeting. Trustee Lewis moved to approve the September 26, 2019 board meeting minutes and Trustee Mitchell seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

B. AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Cole informed the board that the audit committee met to take action on one item, received a report on one other item, and voted to go into executive session to discuss items deemed confidential under state law.

Trustee Cole said that the Audit Committee voted to recommend to the full Board the approval of the September 26, 2019, Audit Committee meeting minutes. The Committee also received a report on the completed Internal Audits from Internal Audit Director Davis.

I. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2019, AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Trustee Cole moved to approve the minutes of September 26, 2019, audit committee meeting as contained in the board materials for the November 21, 2019, board meeting. Trustee Mitchell seconded the motion, which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Trustee Cole concluded the Audit Committee report.

C. FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Corbeil stated that the Finance and Budget Committee met today to take action on two items and receive reports on four items. The Finance and Budget Committee voted to recommend to the full Board the approval of the September 26, 2019, Finance and Budget Committee meeting minutes, and the approval of the Institutional Revised Budget.

The Finance and Budget Committee heard reports from President Glover and her team on the TSU's finances and budget, enrollment, an update on the institution's enrollment, marketing and student recruitment plan, and a report on the University's electrical grid and power outage incidents.

I. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2019, FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

On behalf of the Finance and Budget committee, Trustee Corbeil moved to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2019, Finance and Budget Committee meeting, as contained in the Board materials for the November 21, 2019, Board meeting.

Trustee Lewis seconded and the motion was carried by a roll call vote.

II. APPROVAL OF THE INSTITUTIONAL REVISED BUDGET

On behalf of the Finance and Budget committee, Trustee Corbeil moved to recommend to the full Board, the approval of the F 2019-20 Institutional Revised Budget as contained in the November 21, 2019, Board materials. Trustee Mitchell seconded the motion, which carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Trustee Corbeil concluded the Finance and Budget Committee report.

D. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Martin reported that the academic affairs and student affairs committee met to consider and vote on four agenda items and received information on three other agenda items.

Trustee Martin stated that the Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee voted to recommend to the full Board the approval of the September 26, 2019, Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee meeting minutes, the approval of the Discontinuance of Two- ear

Associates of Nursing Degree, the approval of Bachelor of Business Administration in Hospitality and Tourism degree, and the approval of Online Delivery of the Master of Science in Nursing Program.

Trustee Martin added that the Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee received reports on the SACSCOC accreditation matters, academic affairs, and student affairs.

I. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2019, ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

On behalf of the Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee, Trustee Martin moved to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2019, Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee meeting, as contained in the Board materials for the November 21, 2019, Board meeting. Trustee Lewis seconded and the motion carried with a roll call vote.

II. APPROVAL OF THE DISCONTINUANCE OF THE TWO YEAR ASSOCIATES OF NURSING DEGREE

On behalf of the Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee, Trustee Martin moved to approve the discontinuance of the two-year associates of nursing degree, as contained in the Board materials for the November 21, 2019, Board meeting. Trustee Lewis seconded and the motion was carried with a roll call vote.

III. APPROVAL OF THE BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION IN HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM DEGREE

On behalf of the Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee, Trustee Martin moved to approve the bachelor of business administration in hospitality and tourism degree, as contained in the Board materials for the November 21, 2019, Board meeting. Trustee Lewis seconded and the motion was approved with a roll call vote.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE ONLINE DELIVERY OF THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAM

On behalf of the Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee, Trustee Martin moved for the approval of the online delivery of the master of science in nursing program, as contained in the Board materials for the November 21, 2019, Board meeting. Trustee Cole seconded and the motion was approved with a roll call vote.

E. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Walker stated that the Executive Committee met today to discuss and vote on one committee agenda item. The Committee voted to recommend to the full Board the approval of the September 26, 2019, Executive Committee meeting minutes.

Chair Walker also stated that the Executive Committee heard an update on the President's Annual Performance Review, the Board's self-assessment process, and heard a report from Secretary Pendleton.

I. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2019, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Chair Walker moved to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2019, Executive Committee meeting, as contained in the Board materials for the November 21, 2019, Board meeting. Trustee Cole seconded the motion and it was approved with a roll call vote.

V. REPORT ON THE UNIVERSITY'S ELECTRICAL GRID AND POWER OUTAGE INCIDENTS AND RELATED ISSUES

Chair Walker asked President Glover to present the report on the electrical grid and power outage incidents and any other related issues.

President Glover called on P Horace Chase to report on this item.

P Chase explained that the campus experienced two power outages first one was on September 1, 2019. The second outage was on October 6, 2019, and was believed to have been caused by a lightning strike.

P Chase stated that the electrical contractor was called out and repairs were made. He rallied together with Dr. Curtis Johnson and the Emergency Management team. Working together as a team, the repairs were made and within 1 week, by September 6, 2019 power was restored to all buildings with the exception of the LRC building.

During the period of power interruption, Dr. Mosley worked closely with the Deans and faculty to provide accommodation to students so as to limit any disruption. Dean Stevenson helped by communicating the needs of the students. Together with the facilities department, we worked on the hot water systems for the dorms. We relocated others from the LRC building while we removed the existing electrical cables and purchased replacement cables. By 'sacrificing' the LRC building we were able to power the other buildings and get everything up and running by September 6, 2019. By September 13, 2019, the LRC was up making all buildings fully powered.

On October 6, 2019, the campus suffered a similar fate when due to a lightning strike onto one of the panels, we experienced another power failure.

P Chase explained the procedures taken to repair and accommodate the students a second time. Since this was affecting the entire electrical loop, a resolution and repair lasted much longer than before. He purchased several generators for the dorms and other buildings, while the electrical contractor along with an engineering company worked to resolve the matter. THEC was able to secure \$1M in funding for the electrical repairs. This will only cover a portion of the entire cost. An electrical loop assessment and infrastructure review, along with a master plan, are being conducted. The target date for completion was set as June 1, 2020.

Chair Walker thanked Dr. Glover, and P Chase, along with others who assisted in this report.

VI. PRESIDENT S REPORT

President Glover provided an update on SACSCOC. She stated that the Fifth year monitoring report was going to be due on March 2, 2020. The SACSCOC visit is scheduled for March 31 through April 2, 2020. She reminded everyone that the Ten year report will be due in September 2020 and the SACSCOC visit will be during March 22-23, 2021.

She again assured everyone that we will get this done. She stated that we were 100% confident that TSU will do all that is required to be removed from probation.

President Glover continued to share the excitement of the APPLE, Inc. partnership. She commented how wonderful it was for TSU to be the one selected to train others with coding. She again shared a 'tweet' from APPLE, Inc. CEO, Mr. Tim Cook, *Anything is possible when people come together with a shared vision, Thank you to @TSUedu for your leadership and enthusiasm in bringing coding to you community and HBCUs nationwide.*

The average GPA of incoming freshman students was on the rise. It was revealed that the Fall 2019 avg. GPA was 3.1, while the ACT was 18. These numbers reflected an increase from previous years. There was also an increase in the number of applications received for Fall 2020. The increases may have been attributed to some new enrollment strategies being conducted by the Office of Enrollment Management. Some of the new strategies included an expansion of the targeted populations. Mr. Izzard was reaching out to stopped out students, veterans and other non-traditional students, along with students who had 3.0 or higher GPAs.

There was an emphasis on dual enrollment students, adult learners, workforce training, certificate programs and evening and weekends classes.

President Glover assured everyone that TSU remains in sound financial condition. She reminded everyone that she was paying close attention to customer service and that each division was going to be retrained during this academic year. Higher education was unique in the fact that our customer and our product was the same – Students.

She also shared that TSU had experienced an increase in 'positive' media coverage during 2019. We were highlighting more of our accomplishments and had also increased our social media presence.

President Glover excitedly announced the huge fund-raising campaign which was carded for Black History Month – February, 2020. The historic campaign was going to raise \$1 million in 1 month. Mr. Jamie Isabel was chairing this campaign. She said that this would fund approximately 100 scholarships to deserving students at approximately \$2,000.00 each.

In summary, President Glover thanked everyone for their continued support of TSU.

VII. BOARD CHAIR S REPORT

Chair Walker thanked the President for her report and took the opportunity to congratulate her on being featured in the latest edition of Essence Magazine in the article 'Woke 100'. This article

highlighted exceptional women in leadership roles who were change agents. He said that we were honored that she was able to take TSU into that space.

Chair Walker thanked the members of the Board for their work and stated that they were all moving the needle forward toward the manifestation of the vision for TSU.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The chair called for a motion to adjourn, which was made by Trustee Mitchell and seconded by Trustee Martin. The motion was carried unanimously by roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 2: p.m. CST.

