

**Meeting of the Tennessee State University Board of Trustees  
Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee Meeting  
June 16, 2022  
Tennessee State University, Electronic**

**MINUTES**

**Committee Members Present:** Trustees Pam Martin, Andre Johnson, and Bill Johnson

**Other Board Members Present:** Trustees Deborah Cole, Pam Martin, Richard Lewis, Van Pinnock, Obie McKenzie, and Joseph Walker, III.

**University Staff Present:** President Glenda Glover; Laurence Pendleton, General Counsel and Board Secretary; Dr. Michael Harris, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Douglas Allen, Vice President for Finance and Budget; Jamie Isabel, Vice President of Institutional Advancement; Dr. Curtis Johnson, Chief of Staff; Dean Frank Stevenson, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs; Dr. Quincy Quick, Interim Associate Vice President of Research & Sponsored Programs; Terrence Izzard, Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management; Dr. Mikki Allen, Director of Athletics; Adrian Davis, Director of Internal Audit; and Dr. Arlene Nicholas-Phillips, Liaison to the Board of Trustees.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Martin called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. CDT on June 16, 2022. Trustee Martin then moved to make certain findings on the records regarding the necessity for conducting the meeting electronically without a physical quorum present due to the coronavirus pandemic. The Committee is set to take up important matters. Participation by electronic means is necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic and accompanying guidance from the Center for Disease Control to limit face-to-face contact whenever possible. Electronic participation for the Committee meeting is necessary for the safety of Board members, staff, and guests. Trustee Bill Johnson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**II. ROLL CALL/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM**

Board Secretary Pendleton called the roll at the Committee chair's request. Trustees Pam Martin and Bill Johnson were present at that time. Secretary Pendleton announced the presence of a quorum.

**III. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 17, 2022, ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Trustee Martin moved to recommend to the full Board the approval of the March 17, 2022, Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee meeting minutes, as contained in the Board materials for the June 16, 2022, Board meeting. Trustee Andre Johnson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously by roll call vote.

#### **IV. APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023 TENURE AND PROMOTION RECOMMENDATIONS**

Chair Martin announced the next agenda item as the approval of academic year 2022-2023 tenure and promotion recommendations. 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 16, 2022.

President Glover designated Provost Harris to present on this item. Dr. Harris presented the lists of individuals recommended for tenure and promotion and explained the process that led to these recommendations including Dr. Glover's approval.

Chair Martin moved to recommend to the full Board the approval of academic year 2022-2023 tenure and promotion recommendations, as contained in the Board materials for the June 16, 2022, Board meeting. Trustee Bill Johnson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

#### **V. APPROVAL OF UPDATED INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS POLICY**

Chair Martin announced the next agenda item as the approval of the updated International Admissions Policy. 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 16, 2022.

President Glover designated Provost Harris to present on this item. Dr. Harris presented the updated policy to permit international students to stay in their home country and take courses at TSU while maintaining appropriate criteria for admission.

Chair Martin moved to recommend to the full Board the approval of the updated International Admissions Policy, as contained in the Board materials for the June 16, 2022, Board meeting. Trustee Bill Johnson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

#### **VI. APPROVAL OF NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAM – MINOR IN DESIGN WITHIN EXISTING B.S. IN ART**

Chair Martin announced the next agenda item as the approval of a new academic program, a Minor in Design within the existing B.S. in Art program. 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 16, 2022.

President Glover designated Provost Harris to present on this item. Dr. Harris explained that program adjustments are done through appropriate processes and presented the new Minor in Design academic program as a minor which will allow students in other academic programs to take Design courses.

Chair Martin moved to recommend to the full Board the approval of a new academic program, a Minor in Design within the existing B.S. in Art program, as contained in the Board materials for the June 16, 2022, Board meeting. Trustee Bill Johnson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

## **VII. APPROVAL OF NEW ACADEMIC CONCENTRATION – MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES WITHIN THE EXISTING B.S. IN ARTS AND SCIENCES PROGRAM**

Chair Martin announced the next agenda item as the approval of a new academic program, a concentration in Multidisciplinary Studies within the existing B.S. in Arts and Sciences program. 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 16, 2022.

President Glover designated Provost Harris to present on this item. Dr. Harris presented this new academic concentration to allow students to move from the rigidity of the Multidisciplinary Studies degree and allow them to use Multidisciplinary Studies concentration courses toward other degrees.

Chair Martin moved to recommend to the full Board the approval of a new academic program, a concentration in Multidisciplinary Studies within the existing B.S. in Arts and Sciences program, as contained in the Board materials for the June 16, 2022, Board meeting. Trustee Bill Johnson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

## **VIII. APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS**

### **A. APPROVAL OF NEW ADMISSION STANDARD – DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**

Chair Martin announced the approval of a new admission standard – the Doctor of Physical Therapy agenda item and asked President Glover or her designee to provide pertinent related information. The material for this agenda item is contained in the Board materials for June 16, 2022.

President Glover designated Provost Harris to present on this agenda item. Dr. Harris presented this new admission standard as a way to remain competitive and keep admissions and prerequisites current with the market for Doctor of Physical Therapy programs.

Chair Martin moved to recommend to the full Board the approval of a new admission standard for the Doctor of Physical Therapy program, as contained in the Board materials for the June 16, 2022, Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Bill Johnson and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

### **B. APPROVAL OF NAME CHANGE FOR AN EXISTING PROGRAM – CHANGE CURRENT MASTERS’ OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM TO MASTERS’ OF SCIENCE IN COUNSELING**

Chair Martin announced the agenda item for approval of a name change for the existing Masters’ of Science in Psychology to the Masters’ of Science in Counseling and asked President Glover or her designee to provide pertinent related information. The material for this agenda item is contained in the Board materials for June 16, 2022.

President Glover designated Provost Harris to present on this agenda item. Dr. Harris explained that this name change will keep the program current and relevant. This name change will be presented for approval to THEC if approved by the Board, and the University will report back to the Board THEC’s approval or disapproval.

Chair Martin moved to recommend to the full Board the approval of a name change for the existing Masters' of Science in Psychology to the Masters' of Science in Counseling, as contained in the Board materials for the June 16, 2022, Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Bill Johnson and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**C. APPROVAL OF NAME CHANGE FOR AN EXISTING PROGRAM – CHANGE CURRENT COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY CONCENTRATION WITHIN THE MASTERS' OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM TO CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING CONCENTRATION**

Chair Martin announced the agenda item for approval of a name change for the existing Counseling Psychology concentration with the Masters' of Science in Psychology program to the Clinical Mental Health Counseling concentration and asked President Glover or her designee to provide pertinent related information. The material for this agenda item is contained in the Board materials for June 16, 2022.

President Glover designated Provost Harris to present on this agenda item. Dr. Harris stated that this name change is necessary to keep the program current and relevant in today's market.

Chair Martin moved to recommend to the full Board the approval of a name change for the existing Counseling Psychology concentration with the Masters' of Science in Psychology program to the Clinical Mental Health Counseling concentration, as contained in the Board materials for the June 16, 2022, Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Bill Johnson and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**IX. UPDATE ON PH.D. IN AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE**

Chair Martin introduced the next item on the agenda as an update on the Ph.D. in Agricultural Science program. Chair Martin asked President Glover or her designee to provide pertinent information related to this agenda item, as contained in the Board materials for the June 16, 2022, Board meeting. This is an informational discussion item only so not vote is required.

President Glover designated Provost Harris to present on this agenda item. Provost Harris reported that the program was approved by SACSCOC and THEC and the Ph.D. in Agricultural Science is now fully approved.

Trustee Martin thanked Dr. Glover and Provost Harris for this report.

**X. REPORT ON SACSCOC ACCREDITATION REVIEW MATTERS**

Chair Martin introduced the next item on the agenda as the report on SACSCOC accreditation review matters. Chair Martin asked President Glover or her designee to provide pertinent information related to this agenda item, as contained in the Board materials for the June 16, 2022, Board meeting. This is an informational discussion item only so not vote is required.

President Glover designated Provost Harris to present on this agenda item. Provost Harris reported to the Board that the University has been reaffirmed until 2030. The University will be required to provide a financial report in September 2022. SACSCOC will also come for a brief campus visit to verify the previous online reaccreditation visit.

## **XI. RESEARCH AND SPONSORED PROGRAMS END OF FISCAL YEAR REPORT**

Chair Martin announced the next agenda item as the Research and Sponsored Programs End of Fiscal Year Report. Information regarding this Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee agenda item is included in the Board materials dated June 16, 2022. Chair 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 Dr. Quincy Quick to comment on this agenda item. Dr. Quick acknowledged that the University received an historical amount of grants and award last fiscal year and reported that the University continues to maintain that momentum. Dr. Quick highlighted some of the grants and awards given to the University and the University's ongoing activities to maintain this level of awards in the future.

## **XII. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS REPORT**

Chair 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 16, 2022. Chair 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 Provost Harris to comment on this agenda item. Provost Harris discussed the strategic plan, Pathway to Excellence 2025, and noted that the University is reassessing the objectives and goals. Provost Harris also explained that unaccredited academic programs must regularly be reviewed by THEC and all six programs recently reviewed by THEC scored very highly. Provost Harris then gave an update on programs going through the accreditation process, highlighted experimental major maps as part of the QEP program, and pointed to the update on advising contained in the Board materials. Finally, Provost Harris gave an update on courses offered in the area of cryptocurrency.

Trustee Martin thanks Provost Harris and Dr. Glover and noted that she was particularly happy to hear about the major maps project. Trustee Cole asked that the University continue to work on the important IT item. Provost Harris responded that the IT item is at the top of the agenda for Academic Affairs. President Glover noted that the University has made some additional hires in the IT area.

Trustee McKenzie then asked whether the University has added any professional staff in the area of mental health. Dr. Glover noted the impact of COVID-19 on mental health and University's increased efforts in that area. Dean Stevenson agreed that there has been an uptick in mental health issues among students and reported on the success of telehealth services offered by the University and the Counseling Center's programming. Dean Stevenson thanked Dr. Glover for additional resources provided to employ additional therapists.

## **XIII. STUDENT AFFAIRS REPORT**

Chair Martin introduced the next item on the agenda as the Student Affairs report. Chair Martin asked President Glover or her designee to provide pertinent information related to this agenda item. Information pertaining to this agenda item is included in the June 16, 2022, Board materials.

Dr. Glover designated Dean Frank Stevenson to report on this agenda item. Dean Stevenson reported the benefits of being able to offer more in-person activities for students and improvements in the student complaint and concern process through its integration with the Maxient system. Dean Stevenson also thanked Dr. Glover and VP Allen for providing the necessary resources for student engagement such as strengthened wi-fi and expanded health services.

Dean Stevenson then pointed to information in the Board materials concerning Career Services and noted that the University has enjoyed higher engagement with employers. Finally, Dean Stevenson discussed student housing including the efforts to create a pathway forward to house students who want to attend the University, and reported on student leadership training and activities.

Trustee Martin thanked Dean Stevenson and President Glover for all their hard work aimed toward the students. Trustee Bill Johnson asked Dean Stevenson for an update at the next meeting concerning campus recreation and intramurals. Dean Stevenson agreed to prepare that update and reported that such activities have already been expanded this year. Trustee Pinnock thanked Dr. Glover and Dean Stevenson for internship information and also thanked the Provost for his information in the Strategic Plan. Trustee McKenzie recommended the University provide digital information about job titles and descriptions.

#### **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Martin asked if there were any additional comments or business. Hearing none she asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Martin moved to adjourn the meeting and the motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m. CDT.