

Tennessee State University

Board of Trustees



**Academic Affairs and
Student Affairs
Committee Report**

**TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND STUDENT AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**

Thursday, September 15, 2022
8:30 a.m. CST

Tennessee State University
Via Zoom Link:
<https://www.tnstate.edu/board/livestream.aspx>

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call/Declaration of a Quorum
- III. Approval of the June 16, 2022, Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes
- IV. Approval of Academic Program Modification – Inactivation of Academic Concentration – International Business Concentration and Minor within the Bachelor of Business
- V. Report on SACSCOC Accreditation Review Matters
- VI. Academic Affairs Report
- VII. Report on Athletics
- VIII. Student Affairs - Housing Report
- IX. Adjournment

Tennessee State University

Board of Trustees



**Approval of the
June 16, 2022,
Academic Affairs
and
Student Affairs
Committee Meeting
Minutes**

TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ACTION ITEM

DATE: September 15, 2022

ITEM: Approval of the June 16, 2022, Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval

PRESENTED BY: Chair of Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee,
Trustee Pamela Martin

The document reflecting the minutes from the June 16, 2022, Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee meeting is included in the September 15, 2022, Board materials.

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the Board of Trustees' June 16, 2022, Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee meeting, as contained in the Board materials for the Board's September 15, 2022, meeting.

**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.

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The background features a large, faint watermark of the Tennessee State University seal. The seal is circular with a decorative border of triangles. Inside the border, the words "TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY" are written in a circular path. In the center of the seal, there is a shield with various symbols, including a book and a lamp, with the word "WORK" written below it.

**Approval of
Academic Program
Modification
– Inactivation of Academic
Concentration –
International Business
Concentration and Minor
within the Bachelor of
Business**

TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ACTION ITEM

DATE: September 15, 2022

ITEM: Approval of Academic Program Modification –
Inactivation of Academic Concentration – International
Business Concentration and Minor within the Bachelor of
Business

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval

PRESENTED BY: Chair of Academic Affairs and Student Affairs
Committee, Trustee Pamela Martin

Proposed Inactivation of Academic Program

The University, with the support of the College of Business, requests approval to proceed with inactivating its International Business concentration and minor within the existing Bachelor of Business Administration in Economics and Finance degree program.

Pursuant to TSU's Academic Programs, Units and Modifications process, which includes revised programs, academic departments may seek the inactivation of an existing academic program or concentration by initiating an internal review process. The department initiates the review process by developing and proposing the inactivation of an existing academic program or concentration for review at the departmental committee, college, and University levels. The Vice President for Academic Affairs and the President must ultimately approve the submissions.

Pursuant to the FOCUS Act, the Board's Bylaws, and the Board's Delegation of Authority to the President Policy, the Board must approve the inactivation of an existing academic program or concentration. Upon approval by the Board, the University must submit notification to THEC.

Background

Underlying the request for the inactivation of the International Business concentration and minor in the Department of Economics and Finance are two factors. First, there is no department faculty member with the academic qualifications in the area of International Business.

Second, there have been no students pursuing the concentration in International Business to sustain the requisite minimum number of students for each course within the concentration in International Business.

MOTION: To approve an academic program modification by inactivating the International Business concentration and minor within the Bachelor of Business, as contained in the Board materials for the Board's September 15, 2022, meeting.

**Tennessee State University
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**Report on
SACSCOC
Accreditation Review
Matters**

TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INFORMATION ITEM

DATE: September 15, 2022

ITEM: Report on SACSCOC Accreditation Review Matters

RECOMMENDED ACTION: None

PRESENTED BY: Chair of Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee,
Trustee Pamela Martin

The President and/or designee will provide a report on the SACSCOC Accreditation Review matters.

SACSCOC Accreditation Matters

I. University's Reaffirmation of Accreditation

The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), at its December 2 through 6, 2021, meeting, voted to reaffirm the accreditation of Tennessee State University for the ten-year maximum. The next reaffirmation is 2030.

The SACSCOC Action Letter was received on January 12, 2022, with a request for TSU to submit a report (Monitoring) to verify continued compliance with standard 13.4.

Next Steps and Timeline:

- September 30, 2022 – Monitoring Report with documentation, including financial audit reports for the two most recent fiscal years and its most recent financial aid audit, are due to SACSCOC.

SACSCOC Review Process:

The Monitoring Report is reviewed by SACSCOC Board of Trustees and is subject to the review procedures of SACSCOC's standing committees, including the continuation of a monitoring period.

II. Verification Visit

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) conducted over 150 virtual visits by peer review committees in 2020-2021, and per established protocol, all institutions whose committee visits were held virtually will require a follow-up campus visit. On April 25, 2022, the University received SACSCOC communication advising that TSU's follow-up visit will be scheduled as an on-campus visit. On July 19, 2022, President Glover confirmed with SACSCOC the on-campus visit dates as April 18-20, 2023. The visit will be a combined visit with the Substantive Change Committee (see item II below).

This follow-up visit will concentrate on verifying substantial compliance with the standards under review, in a similar manner as the On-Site Reaffirmation Committee would confirm USDE standards already found to be compliant by the Off-Site Reaffirmation Committee

Tentative Itinerary:

- Welcome, Purpose of Verification Visit, and Interview with TSU's President and Leadership Team
- Interview with Representative Group of Faculty
- Interview with Representative Group of Students
- Interview with Student Affairs Staff (to include review of student complaint logs)
- Interview with Institutional Effectiveness Staff
- Tour of campus
- Debrief with President

As a result of the verification visit, SACSCOC will confirm the institutional information provided to the On-Site Reaffirmation Committee and to the SACSCOC Board of Trustees or determine that such information has not been confirmed.

III. Academic Program Offering at Avon Williams - Substantive Change Committee Visit

At its March 17, 2022, meeting, the TSU Board of Trustees approved the offering of 50% or more of delivered instruction at the Avon Williams Campus of the existing Master of Business Administration with final approval by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

During its June 16, 2022, meeting, the SACSCOC Board of Trustees approved the University's substantive change prospectus to expand the Master of Business Administration's program offerings at the Avon Williams Campus with intended implementation in August 2022 and authorized a Substantive Change Committee to visit the institution. The visit is scheduled for April 18-20, 2023.

Six-weeks prior to the visit of the Substantive Change Committee the institution will submit the report entitled *Documentation for the Substantive Change Committee Off-Campus Site*.

SACSCOC Review Process:

The report of the Substantive Change Committee, together with the response of the institution to the recommendations contained in that report (due within five months of the Committee visit), will be reviewed by the Committee on Compliance and Reports. The Committee on Compliance and Reports may recommend one of the following actions:

1. continue the institution in accreditation, with or without a monitoring report
2. continue the institution in accreditation, impose a sanction, and request a monitoring report, with/without a special committee visit (mandatory visit if placed on Probation)
3. discontinue accreditation.

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**Academic Affairs
Report**

TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INFORMATION ITEM

DATE: September 15, 2022

ITEM: Academic Affairs Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION: None

PRESENTED BY: Chair of Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee,
Trustee Pamela Martin

The President and/or designee will provide a report on Academic Affairs.

TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INFORMATION ITEM
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS REPORT
September 15, 2022

The Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs (OAA) has undergone some organizational and personnel changes to accommodate personnel and leave related absences from the Office. Dr. Robbie Melton, Associate Vice President for the SMART Technology Innovation, stepped in to serve as the Acting Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs with the additional assistance of two distinguished Assistant Vice Presidents for Academic Affairs: Dr. Cheryl Seay and Dr. Johnnie Smith.

The OAA has a foundation of collaboration and institutional effectiveness built on the individual, programmatic, and division-wide strengths of the faculty, staff, and students. The OAA wishes to recognize the respective deans, chairs, and faculty for their willingness to step up in addressing the increased number of students and in staffing additional sections.

In preparation for the opening of the Fall Semester 2022, the OAA worked collaboratively (side-by-side) with all respective units (the Offices of Enrollment Management, Student Advising, Business and Finance, Financial Aid, Student Affairs, Student Success, and respective academic units to assist students with a successful start.

The role of Academic Affairs, during this challenge of limited housing, consisted of implementing the HyFLex Teaching Model in which faculty teaches students in-person and online simultaneously using SMART Classroom Technology. In addition, for students selecting to go online, we worked with the faculty to determine the appropriateness and availability of those courses for online delivery as well as offered faculty training and noted support services for online teaching and learning.

Furthermore, to assist with the increased number of new freshmen, we adjusted the official start of classes to Wednesday, August 24th and extended registration to August 31st to allow for schedule adjustments and housing transition.

To further address the increase in the freshmen class, we extended Fall Registration to August 31st to allow adjustments in students schedules, as well as the creation of a seven-week core course sections starting October 10th.

OAA UPDATES

Academic Affairs continues to offer new opportunities for program, staff, and faculty development. Below are some of the development opportunities and initiatives available to TSU faculty initiated by the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

- **New Faculty and Adjunct Orientation** – was conducted on August 18th and 19th. These orientations provide faculty with key logistical and performance information to foster success and commitment, and semester long mentoring.
- **Gateway to 8** – a series of workshops aimed at improving performance while offering TSU staff and faculty opportunities to engage. These series, funded by Title III, holds seminars on nutrition, customer service, leadership etc.

- **SMART Immersive Teaching and Learning Research Center:** To research new advances and innovations in the enhancement of teaching and learning, TSU SMART Center has received national support to research the impact of Virtual, Augment, and Mixed Realities Technologies.
- **Faculty Wellness Institute** – the inaugural Faculty Wellness Institute is a four-part series focused on faculty well-being, mental health, and work-life balance. This offers faculty an opportunity to engage and focus on the elements of their lives that assist with job performance.
- **Data Accessibility**– in an effort to deliver highly useful and valuable information, Institutional Research has made a number of improvements to provide commonly requested data accessible for all stakeholders - faculty, staff, alumni, and prospective students - via suitable web visualizations and infographics. These include the TSU Quick Facts, Enrollment Dashboard, and Assessment Summary Dashboard. By making each of these publicly accessible to TSU stakeholders, IR is creating easy pathways for faculty and staff to write grants, engage in academic program planning, and facilitate improvements to curriculum, course delivery, and instruction.
- **Open Education Resources (OER)** – TSU has been awarded a national grant by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, on behalf of the HBCUs, to reduce the cost of textbooks, and open access to educational resources. In partnership with the California System of Higher Education, and MERLOT.org, TSU is the lead institution in overseeing the Open Education Diversity and Cultural Collections.
- **Academic eSports Center:** Hashtag: #Play to Learn. TSU SMART Innovation Center has been recognized as a national model for Academic eSports using video gaming as a pathway into STEAM Programs. The center, located on the first level at Avon Williams, provides coding, game designs, podcasting, coaching, and eSports Teams.

AA COLLEGES AND PROGRAMS UPDATES:

- **College of Agriculture** –
 - The College of Agriculture published 114 articles in peer-reviewed journals. Of these publications, 53 had students as senior author, and 61 were faculty publications.
- **College of Business** –
 - The College of Business began its Accelerated Fully Online MBA Program this semester and enrolled the first cohort.
- **College of Education** –
 - Implemented the second phase of the ‘Grow Your Own’ Teacher Education initiatives recognized by the US Department of Education,
- **College of Engineering** –
 - The five Engineering Programs received an excellent ABET accreditation notification with no deficiencies.
 - The new Master of Data Science started the first cohort Fall 2022.
- **College of Health Sciences** –
 - The Graduate Certificate in Public Health launched this fall 2022 its online program.
- **College of Liberal Arts** –
 - The College of Liberal Arts obtained approval for a new minor in Design and new concentration in Multidisciplinary Studies.

- **College of Life and Physical Sciences –**
 - The Dr. Levi Watkins, Jr. Meharry/TSU Medical/Dental Accelerated Pathway Program welcomed its second cohort of students.
- **College of Public Service –**
 - MSW program was fully accredited by CSWE as a single site program for the first time in TSU's history.
- **Title III –**
 - Academic classrooms have been updated with new state of the art technology and smart boards (McCord Hall- 3 labs completed). Funds have also been secured to upgrade labs in Humphreys, Crouch Hall, and the Humanities Building.
- **TRIO Program –**
 - The Upward Bound Program 2022 grant application was approved for six additional years (2022-2027) with funding for \$2,203,243.
- **Honors College –**
 - An enrollment increase, now reaching 848 honors students for the 2021-2022 academic year; a retention rate of 94.4% for the year; a 72.72% increase in Honors students research presentations over the previous year; a 56.73% increase in Honors graduates.
- **Dual Enrollment Partners:**
 - The SMART Unit of Dual Enrollment added three new global partnerships: Malawi and Nigeria
 - DE garnered the first two charter high school partners beginning Fall 2022 (Kipp-Memphis and Knowledge Academies).
 - DE added the second rural high school partnership with Dickson County.
- **Office of Continuing Education:**
 - Tennessee State University Office of Continuing Education, in partnership with the Tennessee State Board of Cosmetology & Barber Examiners, facilitated a virtual seminar entitled, "Diversity, Equity & Inclusion: Instructing in an Ever-Changing World," on August 7th and August 8th, 2022 for Barber & Cosmetology Instructors in preparation for their instructor license renewal.
 - Implemented new registration system and client interface, Campus CE, for processing continuing education registrations and fee collection.
- **Global Initiative Team:** Consisting of The Offices of International Programs & Global Initiatives & Enrollment Management & Dual Enrollment & Graduate School:
 - Established partnership with The Ministry of Education and Technical & Vocational Training of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas (Caribbean) and the Nubian American Advanced college (NAAC)/ Nubian Foundation (Nigeria)

The Office of Academic Affairs continues to seek opportunities to enhance teaching and learning, improve educational outcomes, and deliver exceptional services across campus. As we embark on a new academic year, the Office of AA is already planning several new initiatives to engage faculty, staff, and students in processes aimed at improving and enhancing our campus, communities, and preparing for the global digital workplace.

**Tennessee State University
Board of Trustees**



Report on Athletics

TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INFORMATION ITEM

DATE: September 15, 2022

ITEM: Report on Athletics

RECOMMENDED ACTION: None

PRESENTED BY: Chair of Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee,
Trustee Pamela Martin

The President and/or her designee will provide a report on Athletics.

Report on TSU Athletics

Year Two: Building for Sustained Excellence

- On September 3rd, 2022, Coach George began his second year of re-establishing the championship pedigree of Tennessee State University Football.
- The TSU Tigers competed in Spokane, WA against FCS Powerhouse, Eastern Washington.
- Coach George is establishing winning principles that will guide TSU Football and promote a program of sustained excellence.

Notable Games: 2022 Football Season

- **September 10th, 2022;** Jackson State University (Southern Heritage Classic)
- **October 8th, 2022;** Bethune-Cookman (Homecoming)
- **November 5th, 2022;** SEMO
- **November 12th, 2022;** UT Martin (Senior Day for Football)

Future Games

- Tennessee State will open the 2023 season at Notre Dame on national television.
- Notre Dame Football has never played an HBCU or an FCS program.
- The Notre Dame game has already garnered national media attention (NBC, ESPN, USA Today and Bloomberg)
- These two iconic programs have 20 combined national titles
- Tennessee State and FCS powerhouse, North Dakota State, are slated to play a Home & Home Series in 2024 and 2025.
- The North Dakota State Bisons have won (17) National Titles; including (9) since 2011.

TSU Volleyball

- TSU Volleyball hosted #14 Stanford in the Gentry Center to start the season.
- TSU Volleyball will host the Tiger Invitational September 15th -17th in Kean Hall.
- The Tiger Invitational will feature two HBCU programs, Bethune-Cookman and Alcorn State University.

TSU Athletics Unveils a New Mobile Fan App

- The Department of Athletics recently launched a mobile fan app to enhance the gameday experience for alumni and fans.
- The TSU Tigers App features latest news, scores, stats, original content, a link to purchase tickets and donate to each of TSU's 15 sports programs.
- The TSU Tigers App is free and compatible with iOS and Android devices.
- The app can be downloaded in the Apple Store or through Google Play.

Working Together: TSU Athletics and the Division of Student-Affairs

- TSU Athletics and the Division of Student Affairs have partnered to fund the student pep club to promote school spirit on campus.
- The Pep Club will help increase student attendance at home and away games and assist with organizing Pep Rallies.

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**Student Affairs –
Housing Report**

TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INFORMATION ITEM

DATE: September 15, 2022

ITEM: Student Affairs – Housing Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION: None

PRESENTED BY: Chair of Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee,
Trustee Pamela Martin

The President and/or her designee will provide a report on Student Affairs and housing.

Student Affairs - Housing Report

The Department of Residence Life and Housing was excited to announce the opening of The New Student Hall on August 4, 2022, welcoming the first group of students belonging to the Dr. Levi Watkins Jr. group. The new residence hall has a capacity of 700 beds and will be the home for the 2022- 2023 freshman class and upperclassman. The new hall will have a very diverse population of students living in there and was designed where students in different living learning communities such as the Dr. Levi Watkins Jr. program and the 5000 Role Model Group can be assigned together in a pod. The new hall was designed with four different room designs: single room, double room, semi-suite, and apartment style. The opening of this new hall increased the housing capacity from 2960 to 3660 beds on campus.

Despite this increase in capacity, for the fall 2022-2023 academic year, the department had an appreciable increase in the number of housing applications received. On July 13, 2022, the housing application process was closed and a waiting list was opened where students were not required to pay a deposit with the understanding that there was a chance they may not receive a housing assignment. Our new housing capacity is 3660 beds on campus, and we had to accommodate an additional 1257 students in off campus overflow spaces. Students were assigned to 7 overflow locations. The House of God residential complex leased TSU an additional 150 beds, American Baptist College was able to lease us 44 beds, Best Western Plus Hotel was able to lease us 258 beds, Candlewood Suites was able to lease us 132 beds, Red Roof Inn was able to lease us 179 beds, LaQuinta Inn leased us 218 beds, and the Ramada Inn leased us 320 beds.

Those numbers indicate the trend we have been experiencing over the past 6 years where we have accommodated in-excess of our regular capacity numbers. As illustrated in Table 1.1 from 2017 to, we averaged a 105% occupancy. In 2020, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we housed 1905 students, which was 65% of our total occupancy. In fall 2021, we housed over 3306 students, which is 112% occupancy rate and in fall 2022 we housed over 4961 students which is a 136% occupancy rate. This significant increase is a result of the freshman class doubling from the previous year and the continuous and significant increase in Nashville area housing costs, which led to more students forced to seek University housing as they could no longer afford to live off campus.

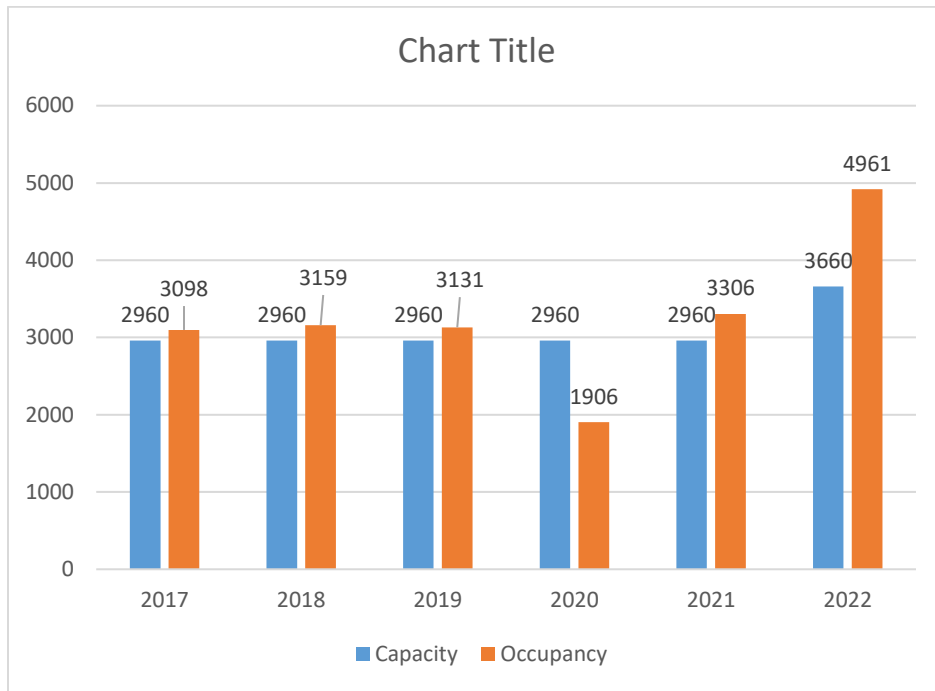


Table 1.1

This increase demand for housing is very exciting for the University because it is a great indicator that campus housing plays a very important role with the increase in enrollment. As a result, a housing master plan is currently being established lead by Moody Nolan. This housing master plan entails expanding our housing capacity to over 6,000 beds by building new halls, renovating two existing halls Rudolph and Hale, and replacing 4 older halls, Wilson, Watson, Eppse and Boyd, over the next three to ten years. The goals for this department will be to include graduate housing, V.A. housing, partnerships with community colleges to provide housing for their students, family housing and staff and faculty housing. The addition of new buildings will allow us to introduce year-round housing to students who are considered homeless and to several athletic teams that participate in inter-collegiate sports during holiday breaks.

In the interim, we plan to keep our partnership with House of God, renovate Clement hall to hold over 120 beds, and in January 2023, add an additional 30 beds where we will be leasing the newly renovated Jefferson Flats which is a quarter mile away from our main campus. In addition, there are current discussions with different community partners to lease their property as we build new halls on campus. The Department of Residence Life and Housing will continue to play an integral part with the achievement of these goals to increase enrollment and retention of the University.