

Chair Harper recognized Deb Combs, Assistant to the Board Secretary, upon her retirement from Tennessee Tech. She served Tech for 32 years in various roles and most especially

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Chair Harper presented a special plaque to her and Ms. Combs shared a statement.

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Tom Jones moved to approve the minutes from June 23, 2020. Ms. Vanhooser seconded the motion. With an opportunity for further discussion and there being none, Mr. Wray called a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

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Chair Harper stated that with the departure of Mr. Saggurti from the Board, a vacancy in the Audit and Business Committee must be filled.

Mr. Stites moved to approve Thomas Lynn to serve on the Audit Committee. Mr. Lowery seconded the motion. With an opportunity for further discussion and there being none, Mr. Wray called a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – RULEMAKING HEARING

Chair Harper called to order a Rulemaking hearing at 7:17 p.m. for Tennessee
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Chair Harper afforded interested parties with an opportunity to present facts, views, or arguments relative to this rule. The following information is being provided for your information.

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interested parties presented themselves.

Ms. Vanhooser moved to approve Rule 0240-09-01 (Student Conduct) as presented with subsequent minor revisions. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. With an opportunity for further discussion and there being none, Mr. Wray called a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6.B – TENNESSEE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY RULE 0240-09-08 TITLE IX COMPLIANCE

Greg Holt, Compliance Officer, provide a rule summary for Rule 0240-09-08 (Title IX Compliance). The summary was as follows: On May 6, 2020, the U.S. Department of Education published its final regulations related to Title IX. The following information is being provided for your information.

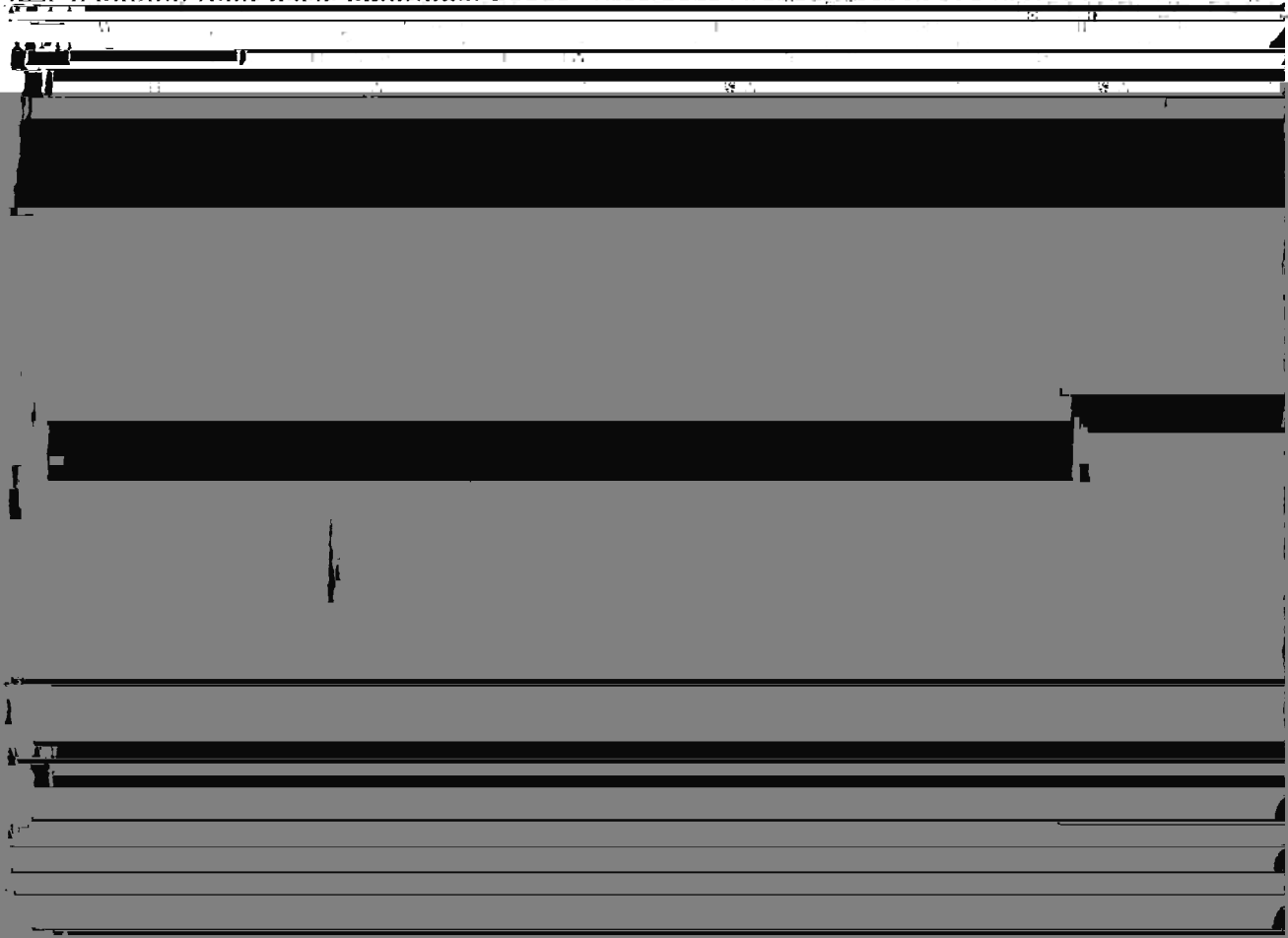
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President Oldham stated the overall graduation rate has improved. The national standard is six years. A rate of four years would benefit the student by reducing their debt and getting them into the workforce sooner. President Oldham shared statistics to support this statement.

President Oldham stated enrollment numbers are strong this year. There was a twenty percent increase in graduate school enrollment. Thirty-two doctorate students graduated in August. Tech also surpassed \$20 million in externally funded research – even in the midst of Covid-19. A recent study indicated the gross domestic product (“GDP”) impact on the State of Tennessee by Tech is \$1.57 billion. The impact on the Upper Cumberland region is \$764.69 million. President Oldham also shared new information regarding college rankings from Money magazine and U.S. News.

President Oldham stated he has created a Racial Diversity Task Force that will work to create more diversity and a culture of acceptance. The Task Force has already conducted several meetings.

Ms. Vanhooser asked about the welfare of students impacted by Covid-19 and asked who was handling their basic emotional needs. President Oldham responded that Tech had



With an opportunity for further discussion and there being none, Mr. Wray called a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA ITEM 10 – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Harper provided a report on behalf of the Executive Committee that included four summary items as follows: approval of temporary part-time continuation of employment of

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University Counsel, the status of the President's evaluation, the consideration of need for a comprehensive review of the President and the Board's self-evaluation, executive and

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Approved,



Lee Wray, Board Secretary