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AGENDA ITEM 3 – MENTAL HEALTH UPDATE

Interim Director of the Counseling Center, who provided an update on mental health services on campus.

Dr. Mick provided information about the number of students that received services at the counseling center and the number of counseling sessions per academic year from 2007-2020. She stated there was a steady increase until 2020, the year of the pandemic, in which a slight decrease in both these numbers occurred. She also shared information about the number of counseling appointments by academic school, by age, and by academic level.

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AGENDA ITEM 6 – STRATEGIC PLAN FOR ONLINE EDUCATION

Provost Bruce explained there were two primary motivators why Tennessee Tech had been working on the expansion of online education: first and foremost, to grow enrollment at the university, and second, to diversify that enrollment. Student enrollment declined over the last 10 years and that trend must be disrupted. While trying to disrupt that trend, we would also be faced with fewer high school graduates, due to a significant decline in birth rate beginning in

2007. For these reasons, we need to attract, recruit, and retain nontraditional students. Online education was a way to address these challenges anticipated in the next few years. Dr. Bedelia Russell, Interim Associate Provost for Online Education and Faculty Excellence, led the development of the strategic plan to include program gap analysis and student demographic data analysis.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – ONLINE AND DISTANCE EDUCATION POLICY 223

Provost Bruce stated that revisions to this policy were made to align with Tennessee Tech's

AGENDA ITEM 9 – EXPEDITED LETTER OF NOTIFICATION FOR THE B.S. IN INTERDISCIPLINARY COMPUTING AND INNOVATION

Provost Bruce stated that she was excited to share information about the new B.S. program in Interdisciplinary Computing and Innovation. She also stated that in recent years THEC

She stated this program was eligible for the expedited process and she wanted to share the