



ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

March 9, 2023

Roaden University Center, Room 282

MINUTES

Meeting was streamed live via link found on this web page:

<https://www.tntech.edu/board/board-and-board-committee-meetings.php>

AGENDA ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

The Tennessee Tech Board of Trustees Academic & Student Affairs Committee met on March 9, 2023 in Roaden University Center, Room 282. Chair Rhedona Rose called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

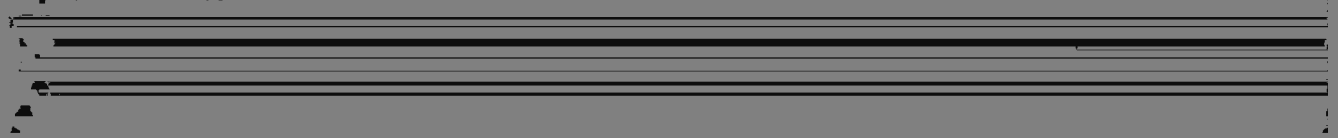
Chair Rose asked Mr. Lee Wray, Secretary, to call the roll. The following members were present

- Rhedona Rose
- Dan Allcott
- Savannah Griffin
- Barry Wilmore

Other board members also in attendance were Trudy Harper, Thomas Lynn, Fred Lowery, Tom Jones, Dan Allcott, and Johnny Stites. A quorum was present. Tennessee Tech faculty, staff, students, and members of the public were also in attendance.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Rose asked for approval of the minutes of the December 1, 2022 Academic & Student



Affairs Committee meeting. Chair Rose asked if there were questions or comments regarding the minutes. There being none, Trustee Wilmore moved to recommend approval of the December 1, 2022 Academic & Student Affairs Committee minutes. Trustee Allcott seconded the motion. Mr. Wray called a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – BUSINESS REPORT

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) accreditation. She reminded members that this university accreditation is critical to the

university and gave an example that having SACSCOC accreditation will help the university

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Trustees that the accreditation process is on a 10-year cycle and that the SACSCOC Board of

in nuclear energy. And there is no long-term national strategy that doesn't include nuclear energy." Dr. Bruce stated that the College of Engineering at Tennessee Tech is well positioned to help address the workforce demands, in particular the engineering workforce demands that

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are coming over the horizon in the field of Nuclear Energy in the US.

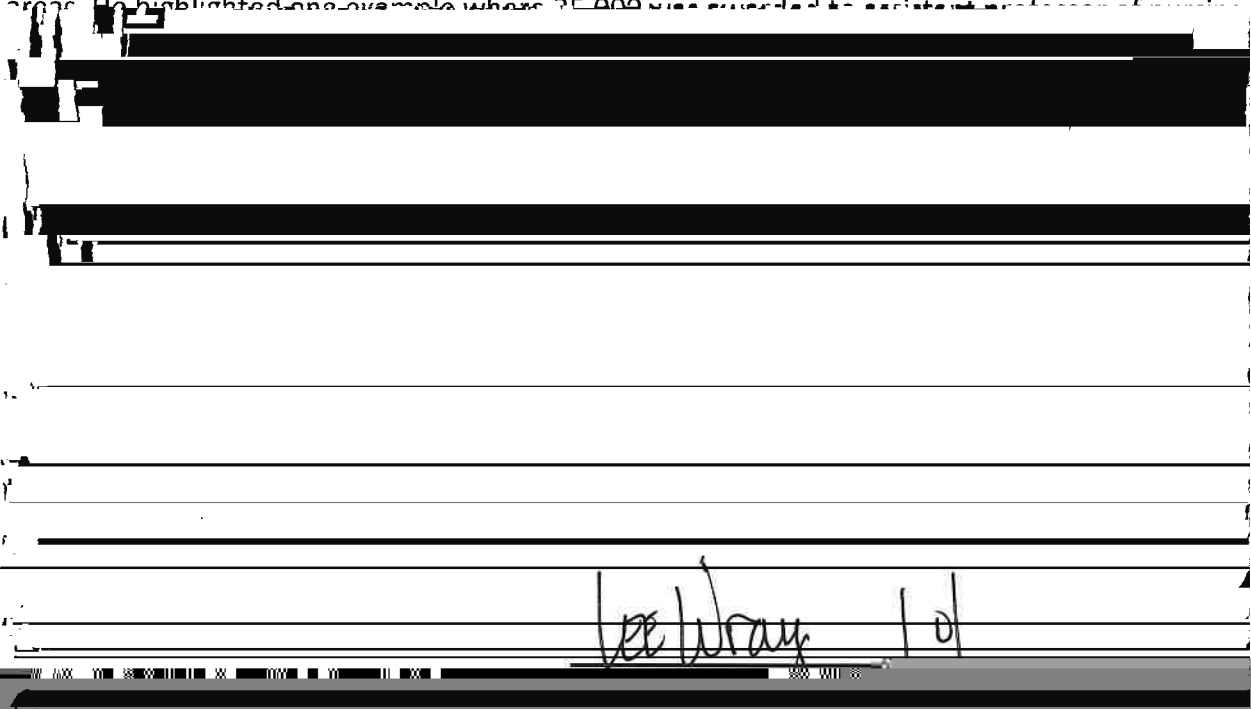
AGENDA ITEM 5 – Spring Enrollment Update

Karen Lykins, Vice President of Enrollment & Communication, began her presentation by giving a retention update on the large (2,050) 2022 freshman class at Tennessee Tech, which showed a 91.5% historical retention rate. She shared some possible reasons behind the high retention rate, including the classroom experience, campus activities, launchpad, and the flight path program with absenteeism reporting to name a few.

She then provided an update on enrollment for the fall of 2022. [REDACTED]

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Michael concluded his presentation with information about the Faculty Grant Program where \$144,076 was awarded to 10 faculty principal investigators, from 6 colleges in 10 research areas. He highlighted one example where \$5,000 was awarded to an assistant professor of...



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