

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 22, 2023

Boyd University Center, Room 303

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Meeting streamed live via link found on this web page

AGENDA ITEM I – CALL TO ORDER

The Tennessee Tech Board of Trustees met on Thursday, June 22, 2023, in Boyd University Center, Room 303.

AGENDA ITEM II - SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS

Chair Harper introduced three student orientation assistants (SOAs) who represent a group of

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Orientation, Advisement, and Registration (SOAR.) These students teach Tech traditions and provide new freshmen with the advice and knowledge they need to live Wings Up.

Pri Pharris stated that she led SOAR and helped facilitate it. Through SOAR, she became a

[REDACTED]

the Stonecipher Lecture Hall are beautiful

the Lab Science building; students love to study in that area. The Main Quad is another popular area.

Chair Harner stated that she was very proud that the SOAs are Golden Eagles and make -

Tennessee Tech degrees look more important because of what the students are doing.

AGENDA ITEM III – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustees meeting. Chair Harner asked if there were questions or comments regarding the

characterized as a suitcase campus, Ms. Griffin's observations indicate a robust engagement of the student body with the surrounding college town community.

She stated that one of the students' main concerns was the need for more efficient campus shuttle routes. Students would like to see better transportation options, especially between the recreation center and library. Students are interested in the possibility of shuttle pickups from

off-campus apartments and having more consistently communicated shuttle schedules. Students would like to see the possibility of a 24/7 library for unrestricted access to study

materials. Students have expressed a desire for more online resources and digital content.

needs.

Ms. Griffin stated that students have expressed a desire for improved textbook access to help them succeed without the financial burden of purchasing textbooks. Students are interested in

President Aldham stated that Tennessee Tech received \$1,200,000 of which \$1,000,000 of that

[REDACTED]

also scheduled to receive another million dollars of [REDACTED]

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benefits, to students to graduate on time and what we do to encourage that.

We continue to be among the best value in the region and certainly in the state. Approximately

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

tremendous and those that publish their work or present it in peer-reviewed settings, speaks to the quality of the work. Our aspirational goal for research funding is \$40,000,000 so it is looking like that figure is much more attainable today than when we started that journey. President Oldham thanked Dr. Pinkert who has been with us this year helping out in many ways. He

[REDACTED]

Research Office staff and everyone else who helped us reach this level.

President Oldham stated that Athletics finished second place for the CVC C...

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and they moved to the next agenda item.

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MAINTENANCE AND MANDATORY FEES

Upon the committee's recommendation, Mr. Stites moved the Board approve the proposed

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FY2023-24 maintenance and mandatory fees. Mr. Lynn seconded the motion. Mr. Wray called a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM VII.B. – AUDIT & BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS
NON-MANDATORY FEE SUMMARY**

Upon the committee's recommendation, Mr. Stites moved the Board approve the Non-

AGENDA ITEM IV – ELECTION OF STUDENT TRUSTEE

[REDACTED]

Upon a recommendation from the Student Government Association, Mr. Lowery nominated Addison Dorris to serve as the student trustee for fiscal year 2023-24. Mr. Wilmore seconded the motion. Mr. Wray called a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM X – BOARD SECRETARY REPORT

Mr. Wray introduced Trustee Lupa and Trustee Dorris to the board beginning July 1. He stated [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

that Deb Combs would handle their transition process. He also stated that Trustee [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]