

ACADEMIC STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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Roaden University Center, Room 282

NOTES

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

AGENDA ITEM 3 – ENROLLMENT UPDATE

Karen Lykins, vice president for enrollment and communication, joined the meeting via teams

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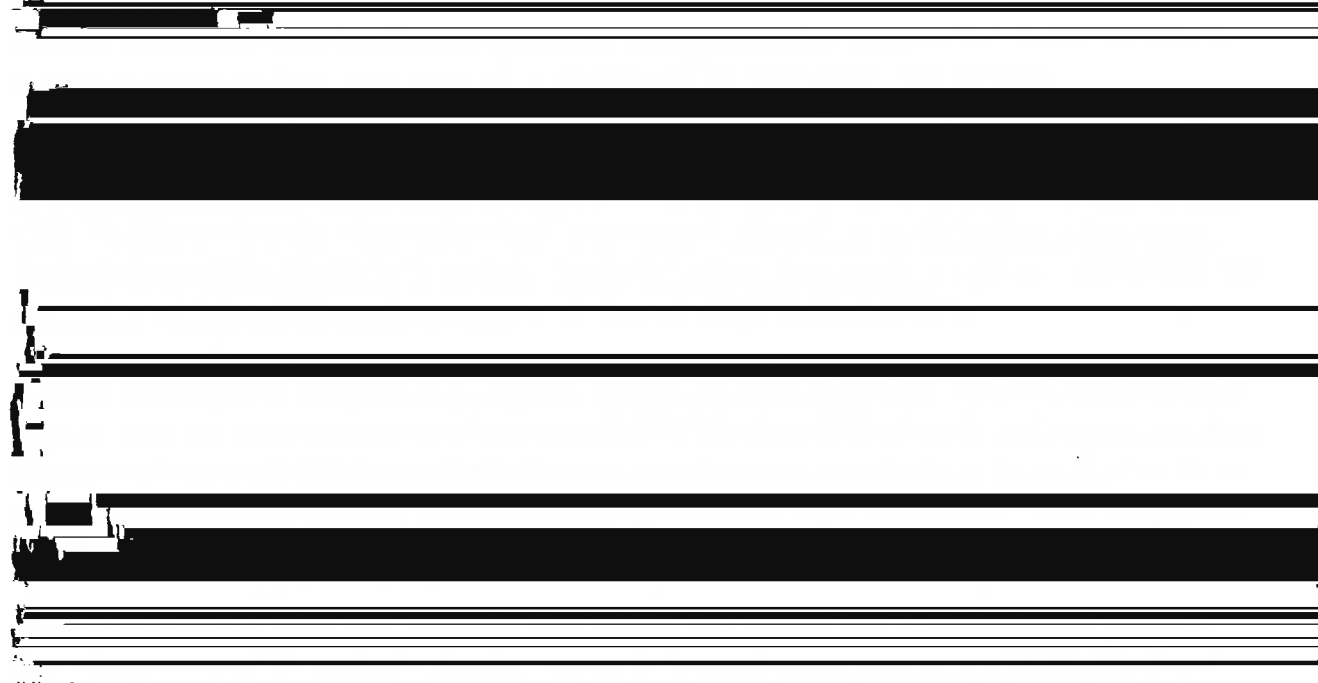
undergraduate and 1,279 graduate), fueled by the addition of nearly 3,000 new students and the fourth largest freshman class in university history (1,988 new first-time freshmen). New freshmen at Tennessee Tech had an average high school GPA of 3.68 with an average ACT score of 23.7 and are from 85 of Tennessee's 95 counties, 28 other states and 21 other countries. Ms. Lykins also shared a snapshot of the overall students' and new freshmen students' ethnicity, race, and gender, including gender difference for the colleges.

Ms. Lykins also informed trustees of ongoing 2024 recruitment efforts, including Tennessee Tech's preview day, campus visits, Tech to You tours (admission events in targeted areas of the state), high school senior college visits, and recruitment events.

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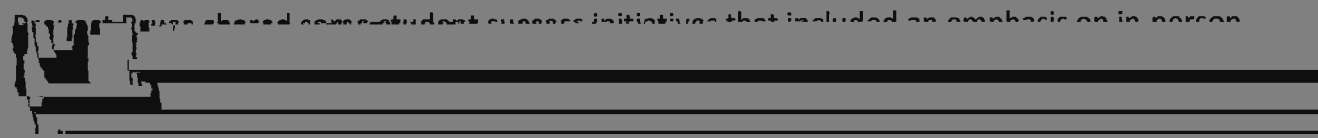
from the university this past year were significantly fewer, showing an almost 20% decrease.

Provost Bruce also shared a snapshot of graduation rates and degrees awarded. The data indicated that last year we awarded 1,824 Bachelor's degrees, which was lower than the past few previous years, due to the fact that we had much smaller entering freshmen classes four, five, and six years ago. The master's and doctoral degrees were up with the master's



graduate programs that has produced more than a 25% increase in applications.

Provost Bruce also provided data showing that Tennessee Tech's rate of first-time freshmen completing at least 30 credit hours during their first full year at the university has increased to 40% – far outpacing the state and national average of universities participating in the study. Provost Bruce attributed this, in part, to Tech's flat-rate tuition model, implemented before the start of the 2020 – 2021 academic year and how we responded to COVID.



Center and noted that Intercultural Affairs' mentoring program has seen a 30% increase in mentee participation year-over-year.

Dr. Polk-Johnson concluded with a report on efforts to maintain student safety on campus, including threat assessment training for faculty and staff. She also reported that we have

students interested in transitioning from residence halls

importance of faculty from all disciplines who obtain external funding for their creative work and scholarly endeavors, the vast majority of which involve working with students. He shared the four named endowed faculty positions and mentioned the need to increase these positions to retain and recruit outstanding faculty and bolster externally-funded research.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – POLICY 217 (STUDENT ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT)

Deputy President presented Policy 217, Student Academic Misconduct, to the Board of Trustees for

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AGENDA ITEM 10 – OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

AGENDA ITEM 11 – ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Academic & Student Affairs Committee adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Approved,



Lee Wray,