



ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

November 30, 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 November 30, 2023 in Roaden University Center, Room 282. Chair Rhedona Rose called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

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

- Rhedona Rose
- Jeannette Luna
- Addison Dorris
- Barry Wilmore

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

AGENDA ITEM 2 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

AGENDA ITEM 3 – PROVOST’S REPORT

Provost Bruce began her report by giving an update on Tennessee Tech’s Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) accreditation. She reminded everyone that Tennessee Tech recently went through our fifth-year interim report, and explained that in the next few years Tennessee Tech will be going through the full reaffirmation process. Provost Bruce reported that Tennessee Tech recently received news of approval for a differentiated review process. She explained that with the regular reaffirmation process, there are between 80 and 100 standards to document and demonstrate compliance, but with the differentiated the number goes down to 40.

Next, Provost Bruce announced that Tennessee Tech received a perfect score on academic quality assurance from the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC). Provost Bruce explained that when defining success, we go back to the mission and vision statement of the university and ask the questions, are we educating & graduating students in disciplines needed by Tennessee and are we supporting government, industry, & citizens of Tennessee, particularly through the application of our faculty members’ expertise? With these two questions in mind

graduation goals for newly launched degree programs, strategies are implemented to self-

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programs and keep the new programs on track.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – Policy 224 (Academic Actions Notification)

Provost Bruce explained that the proposed revisions to this policy were primarily driven by changes to THEC policies, and we proposed revisions to our policy to bring it into alignment with THEC requirements. Clean up of the policy was also done at the same time.

Provost Bruce explained that for Policy 224, Academic Actions Notification, THEC revised some of the criteria for universities notifying THEC about the establishment of certificate programs. Also, THEC changed their requirements for universities consolidating multiple academic

developed.

Trustee Luna moved to send Policy 225 to the Board for approval and to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Trustee Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – POLICY 226 (Academic Program Modifications)

Provost Bruce explained that the proposed revisions to this policy were primarily driven by changes to THEC policies, and we proposed revisions to our policy to bring it into alignment with THEC requirements. Clean up of the policy was also done at the same time.

For Policy 226 (Academic Program Modifications) the proposed revisions were to align

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new academic units and this does require Board approval (not altered)

Trustee Luna moved to send Policy 227 to the Board for approval and to be placed on the Board's consent agenda. Trustee Willmore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 9 – Updates on Research and Economic Development

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... mention of himself including that he is a first generation immigrant with a college

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work with Tennessee Tech students. This person began seeing clients in July 2022 and currently works 10 hours a week. Dr. Mick indicated that the use of the mental health nurse practitioner

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by students has been very successful thus far.

Dr. Mick then shared data regarding the primary diagnoses for Mantra health (contracted telehealth service to expand capacity) from March 1, 2023 through October 19, 2023. The

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primary diagnoses were depression (29.1%), anxiety (22.2%), trauma (19.6%), medication

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