

**ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Meeting 10/26/2021

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**Roaden University Center, Room 282**

**NOTES**

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

**AGENDA ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER**

The Tennessee Tech Board of Trustees Academic & Student Affairs Committee met on

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### AGENDA ITEM 3 – ENROLLMENT REPORT

Karen Lykins, vice president for enrollment and communication, began her presentation by sharing the overall student headcount for fall 2024, which was one of the university's largest overall headcounts in recent years. She also indicated that the university slightly exceeded their set goal for first-time freshmen numbers. In addition, she noted that transfer numbers were slightly up, as well as graduate student numbers.

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average ACT score and GPA for these incoming freshmen, which continued to showcase an

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academically strong incoming class. Next, Ms. Lykins presented information about out-of-state students and how this is an area that has potential for growth. She also shared information about the diversity of the incoming freshmen class, noting that the Hispanic population has shown a significant increase over the last few years.

Ms. Lykins ended her presentation by informing the Board that retention and graduation rates

Dr. Liu concluded his presentation by highlighting Tennessee Tech's research centers and the

AGENDA ITEM 7 – UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT REPORT

Dr. Braswell, vice president for university advancement, began his presentation by giving an update for the year, which titled "It's Personal" beginning from July 1, 2020 to include the 2021

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(athletics), scholarships, and faculty support. He shared the goal amount for each area and the current amount raised.

Dr. Braswell, then highlighted fundraising totals for the last ten fiscal years, pointing out that last fiscal year was one of Tennessee Tech's best fundraising years. He shared the amount of fundraising dollars committed for several major projects that help enhance student

experiences. He also shared information about the university's scholarship strategy, particularly

