

**Staff Advisory Committee**  
September 19, 2024 1:30 p.m.

**Members Present:** Brian Allen, Christa Blair, Eric Carlile, Emily Disbrow, Joni Gilmore, Liam Harder, Melanie Mabrey, Amy McCoy, Kim Meredith (proxy for Joyce Arnold-Hesson), Lisa Norsworthy, Lisa Rice, Catherine Warren, Denette Way

**Members Absent:** Peggy Nettenstrom, Gary Stafford, Noel Stojkov, Deborah Yu

**Others Present:** President Oldham, Kevin Vedder, Lee Wray, Aleta Cannon

**Summary:**

Approved Agenda

Approved May 2, 2024 minutes

Reviewed Staff Day

Nomination for Vice Chair

Discussed Speeding on Campus

Carlile mentioned one of the main takeaways from the feedback was that the time of year had not worked well for some but did for others. Feedback on food also suggested that more options, such as gluten free, would have been better. Some had mentioned that the drawing for the prizes had taken too long, and that people should not have received more than one prize. The number generator for the prizes can be adjusted and an easier option could be utilized for future Staff Days. Lisa Rice noted that people were impressed with the number of prizes that were given away, but they also mentioned that everyone should get a prize. The parking permit garnered interest and may increase attendance next year. Mabrey explained that a parking permit may not be possible to get again next year. Carlile noted that everyone, particularly the subcommittee, did extra work to make Staff Day successful and make the planning easier. As the time approaches, a subcommittee would be established verall, the feedback was positive for this year.

Carlile explained that nominations for a new vice chair were needed. Each member was given a slip of paper to write the name of their nominee on. Lisa Norsworthy asked if anyone was ineligible to be nominated, and Aleta Cannon explained that members whose terms were expiring at the end of the year were not eligible. Eric Carlile, Joni Gilmore, and Lisa Norsworthy were not eligible to be nominated. After votes were counted, Melanie Mabrey was nominated and accepted the position of vice chair for 2024-2025. Carlile thanked everyone for making his term as chair a good one.

Rice explained that the seventh street side of campus near Mahler Avenue had been experiencing issues with people speeding. Staff members that parked at Bell Hall have had issues crossing the street safely and have almost been hit multiple times by drivers at the four-way stop. Rice explained that two weeks ago, she had witnessed a driver go through the four-way speeding and then had to come to an abrupt stop. She asked if this was a City of Cookeville or Tennessee Tech street, and Lee Wray confirmed it was a city street. Mabrey stated she would meet with Chief Nichols and send information regarding the issue to the University Police officers. She explained

Jennifer Dewar mentioned that a reminder to students in Tech Times regarding bike and scooter safety on campus would be helpful. Students on bikes and scooters needed to obey traffic laws. Mabrey explained that University Police was working on a bike safety program, and it was a priority. Carlile mentioned that he would be able to assist with information and resources for the program if needed, as he participated in a biking program.

President Oldham

Tennessee Tech continued to have the top return on investment of any Tennessee public university and the highest average starting salaries for graduates. The Golden Eagle Marching Band was at a record

Documents on file:

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