

University Assembly

November 16, 2022

TEAMS Meeting

Members Present: Abbas, Allcott, Brachey, Brandel (Westbrook Proxy), Canfield, Cherry, Comer, Craven, Crockett, Dorris, Fornehed, Griffin, Gotcher, Hajdik, Hermann-Turner, Honeycutt, Howard, Hutson, J. Isbell, Jared (Hanna Proxy), Jones, Killman, Langford, Lee, Liu, M. Loftis, Manginelli, L. Maxwell, J. Meadows, H. Mills, Mullen, Null, QæEqppqt."J 0Rctm"Rc{pg."Pickering, Rand, Reames, C. Roberts, J. Roberts, Russell, Shank, D. Sisk, Slater, Darron Smith, Scott Smith, Troy Smith, Smith-Andrews, Stinson, Tidwell, Upole, Weathers, M. Wilson, Witcher, Yelamarthi.

Members Absent: Adams, Alley, A. Brown, Burch, Ding, Duncan, Edmonds, Fennewald, Frye, Hasan, Huddleston, Kruszka, Nelson, Ojo

Lori Maxwell presented the report of the Academic Council for Fall 2022 on behalf of Kim Winkle. Academic Council met three times, September 7, October 5, and November 9. Maxwell summarized the report which had been previously distributed to the group and noted the Academic Council had approved the following: two policies, revised one policy, changed procedures for the Faculty Development Committee, changed courses in one program, changed admission requirements in two programs, deleted the GRE requirement for Joint DNP in the School of Nursing program, received information only on one policy, received two information only reports, changed a graduate course catalog in one department, changed three degree options to concentrations, added one new concentration, and changed one concentration name. Maxwell stated that all documentation would be on file with the Recorder and can be received from Ms. Denson or Ms. McCoy in the Academic Affairs office.

Smith-Andrews presented the report of the Administrative Council for Fall of 2022. Administrative Council was scheduled to meet three times during the Fall 2022 semester: August 31, September 28, and November 2. Smith-Andrews stated that all three meetings were cancelled due to lack of agenda items.

Andrew Bleignier presented new International Health Insurance Policy No. 247. Bleignier stated that Tennessee Tech had always used Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) Policy to have International students maintain appropriate health insurance policy and this policy would change it to a Tennessee Tech r qre {0"Dtlcp"QÆEppqt'r qkpvf "qw'y q'o kqt'gf kqtkrlej cpi gu'lp"ugev

President Oldham stated that a lot of progress had been made with capital projects and many continued and he asked for patience as Tennessee Tech worked through the temporary inconveniences. We look forward to continuing this process as the facilities on campus are improved. Oldham added that he was excited as we go into this next Legislative Session that our proposed project for replacing Matthews-Daniel and Crawford Halls with a new academic classroom building was third on Tennessee Higher Education's priority list stating we have full expectation in the next funding cycle that we will get some good news in this regard.

President Oldham stated that the Tennessee Higher Education Commission had requested an additional \$150,000,000 higher education budget for the next fiscal year. Oldham added if the State chose to honor the request, it would carry a working range of 0-3 percent tuition increase for next year. Obviously, we always try to work within our resources to keep tuition and fees at a minimum; we want to make sure that we are an affordable option for all students while insuring that we are providing a high quality level of education. President Oldham was optimistic with the budget going forward despite the substantial inflationary cost increases that impact us all both here and at home, Tennessee Tech would continue to make preemptive adjustments.

President Oldham wished everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving and a holiday season that was safe and healthy.

Meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Diane Smith, recorder

Documents on file with minutes:

1. Agenda
2. Minutes of April 20, 2022
3. Report of the Academic Council for Fall 2022
4. Report of the Administrative Council for Fall 2022
5. Policy No. 247 ó International Health Insurance