



<b>Academic Affairs Committee</b>		
9.17.20	1:30 p.m.	
Browning Conference Room, Clarksville, TN 37040		
Meeting Type	Academic Affairs Committee Meeting	
Note Taker	Tammy Delvendahl	
Attendees	Present (Y/N)	
	Brig. Gen. Robin Mealer, Chair	N
	Ms. Abbey Hogan	Y (Electronic)
	Gen. Gary Luck	Y (Electronic)
	Dr. Valencia May	Y (Electronic)
	Dr. Mickey Wadia	Y (Electronic)
	Dr. Maria Cronley, ex-officio	Y (Electronic)
	Mr. Mike O'Malley, ex-officio	Y (Electronic)
	Ms. Dannelle Whiteside, Interim President	Y (Electronic)
	Ms. Corey Harkey, Interim General Counsel	Y (Electronic)
	Dr. McCartney Johnson, Interim Secretary to the Board	Y
<b>Call to Order</b>		
Discussion		
Trustee May called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.		
<b>Roll Call/Declaration of a Quorum</b>		
Discussion		

Trustee May, Trustee Hogan, Trustee Luck, and Trustee Wadia participated by teleconference. As she called the roll, Dr. McCartney Johnson asked those participating by teleconference if they could hear clearly and if there were other people present with them at their locations. All trustees stated they could hear clearly and stated they were alone.

Trustee May stated there was a quorum.

**Action Item A - Consideration of Policy 1:025 Policy on Academic Tenure**

Discussion

Trustee May recognized Provost Cronley to provide information regarding revisions to APSU Policy 1:025 Policy on Academic Tenure. The revisions include the delegation of the President's authority to the Provost regarding approval of faculty leave of absence, probationary periods, the removal of some outdated language from the original Tennessee Board of Regents policy, and a note regarding customized calendars and non-substantive editorial changes.

Conclusions

Trustee Luck moved to approve 1:025 Policy on Academic Tenure. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wadia. A roll call vote was taken and carried unanimously with 3 trustees voting yes.

Gary Luck:	Yes
Valencia May:	Yes
Robin Mealer:	Absent
Mickey Wadia:	Yes

Yes: 3, No: 0, Absent: 1

**Action Item B - Consideration of Policy 2:038 Undergraduate & Graduate Admissions**

Discussion

Trustee May recognized Provost Cronley to provide information regarding revisions to APSU Policy 2:038 Undergraduate and Graduate Admissions. The proposed changes to Policy 2:038 eliminate the need for a non-degree seeking applicant to submit multiple transcripts. The applicant would only be required to provide an official undergraduate transcript from a regionally accredited institution. This will lessen the burden for non-degree seeking students and will align with practices of other universities.

Conclusions

Trustee Luck moved to approve Policy 2:038 Undergraduate & Graduate Admissions. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wadia. A roll call vote was taken and carried unanimously with 3 trustees voting yes.

Gary Luck:	Yes
Valencia May:	Yes
Robin Mealer:	Absent
Mickey Wadia:	Yes

Yes: 3, No: 0, Absent: 1

**Information Item A - Teaching & Learning during COVID-19**

Discussion

Trustee May recognized Provost Cronley to provide information regarding teaching and learning during COVID-19. Provost Cronley reported that during the summer, faculty, staff and administration worked tirelessly to prepare for Fall 2020. Some of the major strategies implemented for Fall 2020 include various learning modalities, changes to the Fall 2020 academic calendar, changes to the pre-semester calendar, direct phone calls to students, and managing classroom spaces.

Conclusions

This was an information item and required no action.

**Information Item B - Degree & Certificate Awards by Type & Academic Year**

Discussion

Trustee May recognized Provost Cronley to provide information regarding an update on degree and certificate awards by type and academic year. APSU awarded an all-time high number of degrees and certificates in 2019-2020 with 3,200 degrees and certificates awarded. There was a significant increase in the number of associate's degrees awarded in part due to the Tennessee Promise and the number of graduate degrees awarded due to growth in graduate student enrollment.

Conclusions

This was an information item and required no action.

**Information Item C - Program Productivity Report**

Discussion

Trustee May recognized Provost Cronley to provide information regarding the program productivity report. The report provides the number of graduates each year in the undergraduate and graduate programs. The report includes data for low

producing programs, new academic programs, and academic program modifications. APSU is actively taking steps to increase enrollment in three of the four programs identified as low producing. The three programs are B.A./B.F.A. Theatre/Dance, B.A./B.S. Philosophy and Religion, and B.S. Physics. Plans are being made to terminate the M.S. Engineering Technology program.

Conclusions

This was an information item and required no action.

**Information Item D - Preliminary Fall Enrollment**

Discussion

Trustee May recognized Provost Cronley to provide a preliminary fall enrollment report. APSU's preliminary fall enrollment 14 days after the first day of classes is 10,122. The University's official census enrollment will be determined in November.

A general discussion followed regarding the decline in the enrollment for other state universities and nationally in comparison to APSU.

Conclusions

This was an information item and required no action.

**Adjourn**

Discussion

Trustee May moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Luck seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and carried unanimously with 3 trustees voting yes. The meeting adjourned at 1:59 p.m.