



Board Meeting		
3.19.2021	9:00 a.m.	317 College Street Clarksville, TN 37040
Meeting Type	Board Meeting	
Note Taker	McCartney Johnson	
Attendees		Present (Y/N)
	Mr. Billy Atkins	Y
	Ms. Katherine Cannata	Y
	Ms. Abbey Hogan	Y
	Mr. Don Jenkins	Y
	Dr. Gary Luck	Y (Electronic)
	Dr. Valencia May	Y (Electronic)
	Ms. Keri McInnis	Y
	Brig. Gen. Robin Mealer	Y (Electronic)
	Mr. Mike O'Malley	Y
	Dr. Mickey Wadia	Y
	Dr. Michael Licari, President	Y
	Ms. Dannelle Whiteside, Vice President for Legal Affairs	Y
	Dr. McCartney Johnson, Secretary to the Board	Y
Call to Order		
Discussion		
Trustee O'Malley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.		
Roll Call/Declaration of a Quorum		
Discussion		

Trustee Atkins, Trustee Cannata, Trustee Hogan, Trustee Jenkins, Trustee McInnis, Trustee O'Malley, and Trustee Wadia were physically present. Trustee Luck, Trustee May, and Trustee Mealer participated by teleconference. As she called the roll, Dr. Johnson asked those participating by teleconference if they could hear clearly, and if there were other people present with them at their locations. Trustee Luck, Trustee May, and Trustee Mealer stated they could hear clearly and they were alone.

Trustee O'Malley stated there was a quorum. He thanked Trustee Hogan for her service on the Board as student trustee. He also thanked Dannelle Whiteside for serving as interim president during these unprecedented times. Both were presented with tokens of appreciation from the Board.

Adoption of Agenda

Discussion

Trustee O'Malley informed the Board that there were items for consideration on the consent agenda and asked if the Trustees wished to extract any items. They did not.

Conclusions

Trustee O'Malley moved for the adoption of the agenda, including the consent agenda items. The motion was seconded by Trustee Atkins. A roll call vote was taken and carried unanimously with nine trustees voting yes.

Billy Atkins:	Yes
Katherine Cannata:	Yes
Don Jenkins:	Yes
Gary Luck:	Yes
Valencia May:	Yes
Keri McInnis:	Yes
Robin Mealer:	Yes
Michael O'Malley:	Yes
Mickey Wadia:	Yes

Yes: 9, No: 0

Approval of Minutes

Discussion

Trustee O'Malley stated that the minutes for the December 4, 2020 Board meeting and the special called meeting on December 21, 2020 were circulated in advance of the meeting. He asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. There were none.

Conclusions

Trustee Jenkins moved to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2020 Board meeting and December 21, 2020 special called Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee McInnis. A roll call vote was taken and carried unanimously with nine trustees voting yes.

Billy Atkins:	Yes
Katherine Cannata:	Yes
Don Jenkins:	Yes
Gary Luck:	Yes
Valencia May:	Yes
Keri McInnis:	Yes
Robin Mealer:	Yes
Michael O'Malley:	Yes
Mickey Wadia:	Yes

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Campus Spotlight

Discussion

Trustee O'Malley recognized President Licari who introduced Michael Kasitz, assistant vice president for public safety, who discussed the University's COVID-19 efforts since last March. Mr. Kasitz stated that President White appointed the COVID-19 task force on March 2, 2020, with the priority being to respond to the threat of the virus to keep APSU's students, faculty, staff, and visitors safe. Based on recommendations from the task force and the Senior Leadership Team, classes were suspended for the week after spring break to give faculty time to move entirely to online instruction. During April 2020, the task force developed the University's COVID guidelines and risk categories to determine the University's course of action.

After the end of the spring semester, planning began for returning to campus in Fall 2020 with reduced capacity. Classrooms were reduced to 30 percent or less of fire code capacity and the modalities for instruction were adjusted. The COVID-19 task force was disbanded and a COVID-19 recovery working group was formed to physically prepare the campus for return. Mr. Kasitz stated that a Strategic Planning Integration Task Force was tasked with planning for issues that would arise further in the future. Both of these groups completed their work prior to the Fall 2020 semester.

Mr. Kasitz stated that in August Interim President Whiteside formed the COVID Command group to deal with issues that arose from repopulating campus. The group implemented self-reporting of active COVID cases and exposures to help find clusters, voluntary daily symptom checking, and location check-in through the

PeayMobile application. The Student Health Services began providing COVID PCR testing for exposed and symptomatic people, as well as surveillance testing. In the spring of 2021, testing switched from being outsourced to the University's own analyzation lab that produced results in the same day. Mr. Kasitz thanked Dr. Heather Phillips for all her work on the coordination, testing, and analyzation that has been done.

On March 2, 2021 - one year to the day that the original COVID-19 Task Force was formed - APSU began COVID-19 vaccinations. Mr. Kasitz stated that the APSU vaccination site is used to augment the Montgomery County Health Department in order to help vaccinate the community. The vaccination site and the testing center have been done in collaboration with Student Health Services, the College of Nursing, and APSU Public Safety.

Mr. Kasitz thanked all the people at APSU that have contributed to the COVID response and recovery in the last year. He thanked the at least 40 members of the COVID-19 Task Force, 11 members of the Recovery Working Group, 20 members of the Strategic Planning Group, and at least 34 members of the COVID Command Group that continue to operate. He also thanked the faculty, staff, and students who have helped the University be successful in the return to campus efforts.

Academic Affairs Committee Report and Recommendations

Discussion

Trustee Mealer reported on the actions of the Academic Affairs Committee at the March 18th meeting. The committee reviewed and approved the following action item, which was approved on the consent agenda: termination of Master of Science in Engineering Technology. The committee reviewed and approved the following action items: tenure upon appointment for Dr. Michael Licari and consideration of tenure appointments for faculty. No information items were presented to the committee.

Conclusions

Trustee Mealer move that the Board approve the minutes of the March 18th Academic Affairs Committee as written. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cannata. A roll call vote was taken and carried unanimously with nine trustees voting yes.

Billy Atkins:	Yes
Katherine Cannata:	Yes
Don Jenkins:	Yes
Gary Luck:	Yes
Valencia May:	Yes

Keri McInnis:	Yes
Robin Mealer:	Yes
Michael O'Malley:	Yes
Mickey Wadia:	Yes

Yes: 9, No: 0

Approval of Tenure upon Appointment: Dr. Michael Licari

Discussion

Trustee Mealer stated that information regarding tenure upon appointment for Dr. Michael Licari was circulated prior to the meeting.

Conclusions

Trustee Mealer moved to approve the tenure upon appointment for Dr. Michael Licari. A roll call vote was taken and carried unanimously with nine trustees voting yes.

Billy Atkins:	Yes
Katherine Cannata:	Yes
Don Jenkins:	Yes
Gary Luck:	Yes
Valencia May:	Yes
Keri McInnis:	Yes
Robin Mealer:	Yes
Michael O'Malley:	Yes
Mickey Wadia:	Yes

Yes: 9, No: 0

Consideration of Tenure Appointments

Discussion

Trustee Mealer stated that the list of tenure appointments was circulated prior to the meeting.

Conclusions

Trustee Mealer moved to approve the tenure appointments. A roll call vote was taken and carried unanimously with nine trustees voting yes.

Billy Atkins:	Yes
Katherine Cannata:	Yes

Don Jenkins:	Yes
Gary Luck:	Yes
Valencia May:	Yes
Keri McInnis:	Yes
Robin Mealer:	Yes
Michael O'Malley:	Yes
Mickey Wadia:	Yes

Yes: 9, No: 0

Students Affairs Committee Report and Recommendations

Discussion

Trustee Jenkins reported on the actions of the Student Affairs Committee at the March 18th meeting. The committee reviewed and approved the following action item: selection of a Student Trustee. The committee also reviewed the following informational items: Student Affairs initiatives toward retention; Health and Counseling services; and Student Code of Conduct revision.

Conclusions

Trustee Jenkins moved that the Board approve the minutes of the March 18th Student Affairs Committee as written. The motion was seconded by Trustee May. A roll call vote was taken and carried unanimously with nine trustees voting yes.

Billy Atkins:	Yes
Katherine Cannata:	Yes
Don Jenkins:	Yes
Gary Luck:	Yes
Valencia May:	Yes
Keri McInnis:	Yes
Robin Mealer:	Yes
Michael O'Malley:	Yes
Mickey Wadia:	Yes

Yes: 9, No: 0

Recommendation for Selection of Student Trustee

Discussion

Trustee Jenkins stated that information regarding the two individuals selected as finalists were circulated before the meeting. The committee selected Molly Howard to serve as the next Student Trustee.

Conclusions	
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Trustee Jenkins moved to select Molly Howard as the next Student Trustee, who will serve a one year term beginning on May 8, 2021 and continue through the 2021-22 academic year. A roll call vote was taken and carried unanimously with nine trustees voting yes.

Billy Atkins:	Yes
Katherine Cannata:	Yes
Don Jenkins:	Yes
Gary Luck:	Yes
Valencia May:	Yes
Keri McInnis:	Yes
Robin Mealer:	Yes
Michael O'Malley:	Yes
Mickey Wadia:	Yes

Yes: 9, No: 0

Audit Committee Report and Recommendations

Discussion	
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Trustee Cannata reported on the actions of the Audit Committee at the March 18th meeting. The committee reviewed and approved the following action item: revised internal audit plan for fiscal year 2021. The committee listened to presentations regarding the following information items: review of internal audit related charters and policies; internal audit reports released between November 10, 2020 and February 22, 2021 with a list of outstanding audit recommendations; and the financial and compliance audit report for fiscal year 2020.

Conclusions	
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Trustee Cannata moved that the Board approve the minutes of the March 18th Audit Committee as written. The motion was seconded by Trustee McInnis. A roll call vote was taken and carried unanimously with nine trustees voting yes.

Billy Atkins:	Yes
Katherine Cannata:	Yes
Don Jenkins:	Yes
Gary Luck:	Yes
Valencia May:	Yes
Keri McInnis:	Yes

Robin Mealer:	Yes
Michael O'Malley:	Yes
Mickey Wadia:	Yes

Yes: 9, No: 0

Business and Finance Committee Report and Recommendations

Discussion

Trustee Atkins reported on the actions of the Business and Finance Committee at the March 18 meeting. The committee reviewed and approved the following action item, which was approved on the consent agenda: revisions to policy 1:022 Budget Principles and Control. The action items the committee reviewed and approved were: non-mandatory fees for the 2021-22 academic year and housing rates for the 2021-22 academic year. The committee reviewed the following information items: the budget status; Governor's budget recommendation; and fiscal year 2019-2020 financial report.

Conclusions

Trustee Atkins moved that the Board approve the minutes of the March 18th Business and Finance Committee as written. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cannata. A roll call vote was taken and carried unanimously with nine trustees voting yes.

Billy Atkins:	Yes
Katherine Cannata:	Yes
Don Jenkins:	Yes
Gary Luck:	Yes
Valencia May:	Yes
Keri McInnis:	Yes
Robin Mealer:	Yes
Michael O'Malley:	Yes
Mickey Wadia:	Yes

Yes: 9, No: 0

Consideration of Non-Mandatory Fees for the 2021-2022 Academic Year

Discussion

Trustee Atkins stated that the non-mandatory fees for the 2021-2022 academic year were circulated before the meeting.

Conclusions	
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Trustee Atkins moved to approve the non-mandatory fees for the 2021-2022 academic year. A roll call vote was taken and carried unanimously with nine trustees voting yes.

Billy Atkins:	Yes
Katherine Cannata:	Yes
Don Jenkins:	Yes
Gary Luck:	Yes
Valencia May:	Yes
Keri McInnis:	Yes
Robin Mealer:	Yes
Michael O'Malley:	Yes
Mickey Wadia:	Yes

Yes: 9, No: 0

Consideration of Housing Rates for the 2021-2022 Academic Year	
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Trustee Atkins stated that the housing rates for the 2021-2022 academic year were circulated before the meeting.

Conclusions	
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Trustee Atkins moved to approve the housing rates for the 2021-2022 academic year. A roll call vote was taken and carried unanimously with nine trustees voting yes.

Billy Atkins:	Yes
Katherine Cannata:	Yes
Don Jenkins:	Yes
Gary Luck:	Yes
Valencia May:	Yes
Keri McInnis:	Yes
Robin Mealer:	Yes
Michael O'Malley:	Yes
Mickey Wadia:	Yes

Yes: 9, No: 0

Executive Committee Report and Recommendations

Discussion																			
Trustee O'Malley reported on the actions of the executive committee at the March 18 meeting. The committee reviewed and approved the Institutional mission profile statement.																			
Conclusions																			
Trustee O'Malley moved that the Board approve the minutes of the March 18th Executive Committee as written. The motion was seconded by Trustee Atkins. A roll call vote was taken and carried unanimously with nine trustees voting yes.																			
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Trustee O'Malley moved to approve the Institutional mission profile statement. A roll call vote was taken and carried unanimously with nine trustees voting yes.																			
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Finance and Administration Division Update

Discussion

Trustee O'Malley recognized Mitch Robinson, vice president for finance and administration, who presented information regarding the Finance and Administration division. The division is comprised of eight main areas: Budget and Financial Planning; Business Services and Finance; Capital Planning, Design & Construction; Human Resources; Information Technology; Physical Plant; Public Safety; and University Facilities. Mr. Robinson stated that between him and his direct reports, there is more than 260 years of experience in higher education.

Mr. Robinson shared an overview of the eight areas in the division and their important accomplishments over the past year. The Finance and Administration area often collaborates on special projects and initiatives. Mr. Robinson stated that the division collaborated on APSU's leasing of the space in the Multipurpose Event Center, the helicopter acquisitions, and the Ann Ross Bookstore, which opened this past year.

A general discussion followed regarding the Customer Relationship Management (CRM) software, the license plate recognition software, and the capital projects recommended in the Governor's budget.

President's Report

Discussion

Trustee O'Malley recognized President Licari to give his report to the Board and to report on interim items. President Licari thanked everyone for making him and Kirsten feel welcomed into the community. He thanked the transition team and Dannelle Whiteside for her leadership as interim President. He spoke about the few days leading up to March 1st, including the help he received from the Office of Human Resources, Information Technology, and the football game. On his first day, he had to be in Nashville before the House Government Operations committee where he met two students who have internships with the state legislature, and he was able to attend a virtual piano recital.

President Licari spoke about APSU's efforts regarding the COVID vaccinations. The vaccination site will operate as long as the Montgomery County Health Department needs the University's help. He shared that the nursing faculty and students were the individuals administering the injections and the Good Morning America website and ABC News ran a story about a nursing student who vaccinated her mom, who is a professor at APSU. He stated that the campus COVID numbers remain low. Campus

will return to pre-pandemic class formats for summer classes, and the University intends for campus to return to face-to-face classes and normal in-person operations in the fall.

President Licari shared where the University was in terms of its fundraising efforts. He shared that the "What If" Campaign has been successful as it is just shy of the \$65 million goal. He thanked the campaign steering committee, chaired by Ginna Holleman, Kris Phillips, and Dannelle Whiteside for kicking off the public phase of the campaign. He shared information about Govs Give, which will begin on April 20.

President Licari stated that he has met with a number of state representatives, senators, and other officials in the last week. He has also met with Governor Lee. During the meetings, he emphasized the importance of the Health Professions Building, and promoted the request for the Institute for National Security and Military Studies. He stated that Deputy Speaker Johnson and Senator Powers have filed amendments to the appropriations bill to include \$750,000 per year for three years to support the launch of the Institute.

President Licari shared that the Master of Science in Criminal Justice has been approved by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission and is pending SACSCOC approval. It is expected to be implemented this fall and he thanked Provost Cronley and the department chair, Scott Culhane, for their efforts in launching the new program. He shared information about the Center for the Advancement of Faculty Excellence that will launch this fall. The center's primary objective is the development of innovative and effective teaching to support faculty and student engagement, while supporting effective advising, scholarly work, and impactful service. The Center's first director will be Dr. Melissa Kates, Associate Professor of Health and Human Performance and Associate Dean of the College of Behavioral and Health Sciences.

President Licari welcomed Brittany Young, the new Women's Basketball head coach. He stated this week is homecoming week and shared some of the events that were occurring this weekend.

President Licari stated there were interim items provided to the Board including: a report on the contract, agreements, and the State Building Commission actions; the President's notice of election and agreement of employment; and the appointment of the Secretary to the Board.

Trustee Jenkins thanked Chairman O'Malley for his work and leadership during the presidential search.

Adjourn

Discussion	
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Trustee O'Malley stated that the next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on June 3 and 4, 2021.

Conclusions	
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Trustee O'Malley moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Atkins. A voice vote was taken and carried unanimously with nine trustees voting yes. The meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Michael P. O'Malley