

BOARD OF

OF TRUSTEES

Board Meeting		
6.4.2021	·	317 College Street Clarksville, TN 37040
Meeting Type	Board Meeting	
Note Taker	Lenora Parks/Carol Clark	
	Trustees	Present (Y/N)
	Mr. Billy Atkins	Y
	Ms. Katherine Cannata	Y
	Ms. Molly Howard	Y
	Mr. Don Jenkins	Y
	Dr. Gary Luck	Y (Electronic)
	Dr. Valencia May	Y
	Ms. Keri McInnis	Y
Attendees	Brig. Gen. Robin Mealer	Y
	Mr. Mike O'Malley	Y
	Dr. Mickey Wadia	Y
	University Staff	
	Dr. Michael J. Licari, President	Y
	Dr. Maria Cronley, Provost	Y
	Dr. McCartney Johnson, Secretary the Board	/ to Y
	Ms. Dannelle Whiteside, Vice	Y
	President for Legal Affairs and Organizational Strategy	
Call to Order		
Discussion		
Trustee O'Malley cal	led the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.	

Roll Call/Declaration of a Quorum

Discussion

Trustee Atkins, Trustee Cannata, Trustee Howard, Trustee Jenkins, Trustee May, Trustee McInnis, Trustee Mealer, Trustee O'Malley and Trustee Wadia were physically present. Trustee Luck 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 stated he could hear clearly and he was alone.

Trustee O'Malley stated there was a quorum. Trustee O'Malley welcomed the new student trustee, Molly Howard, who introduced herself and gave information about her background and interests.

Trustee O'Malley thanked Trustee Wadia and Trustee Luck for their service on the Board. Trustee Wadia's term as faculty trustee is ending, and Trustee Luck has submitted his resignation effective July 1, 2021.

Both Trustee Wadia and Trustee Luck thanked the Board and gave remarks.

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 the motion 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 March 19, 2021, meeting were circulated before 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 of the March 19, 2021, meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cannata. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously with nine trustees voting yes.

Yes
Yes

Yes: 9, No: 0

Campus Spotlight

Discussion

Trustee O'Malley recognized President Licari who introduced Dr. Prentice Chandler, dean of the Eriksson College of Education, and Dr. Sherri Prosser, coordinator of the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) program.

Dr. Chandler discussed the leadership programs within the College of Education and their impact on preparing future teachers and leaders. Dr. Chandler also thanked faculty and administrative colleagues who have made the leadership program successful.

Dr. Prosser presented detailed information about APSU's Aspiring Assistant Principal Network and the Doctor of Education: Education Leadership Program, including cohort trends, faculty involvement, the dissertation process, past accomplishments and future plans. Dr. Prosser concluded by thanking those who have made the program possible and offered guidance throughout the process.

Trustee O'Malley thanked the presenters and asked for questions or comments.

Provost Maria Cronley thanked Dean Chandler and other presenters for their work.

Academic Affairs Committee Report and Recommendations

Discussion

Trustee Mealer reported on the actions of the Academic Affairs Committee at the June 4th meeting. The committee reviewed and approved the following action item, which was subsequently approved by the full board on today's consent agenda: Revisions to Policy 1:027 General Education Requirements and Degree Requirements. The committee reviewed and approved the following action item: Tenure upon appointment for Dr. Valerie Leake. The committee also reviewed the following information items: T3 Coaching and Student Success Initiatives Grant; the Center for Advancement of Faculty Excellence (CAFÉ); and the University's fall semester plans.

Conclusions

Trustee Mealer moved that the Board approve the minutes of the June 4 Academic Affairs Committee as written. The motion was seconded by Trustee McInnis. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion 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. Valerie Leake

Discussion

Trustee Mealer stated that information regarding tenure upon appointment for Dr. Valerie Leake was circulated before the meeting.

Conclusions

Trustee Mealer moved to approve tenure upon appointment for Dr. Valerie Leake. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion 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

Student Affairs Committee Report and Recommendations

Discussion

Trustee Jenkins reported on the actions of the Student Affairs Committee at the June 4th meeting. The committee reviewed and approved the following action item: Student and Student Organization Conduct and Corrective Actions Rule. The committee also reviewed the following information items: Reopening and Re-engaging of Campus and the Low Ropes Course.

Conclusions

Trustee Jenkins moved that the Board approve the minutes of the June 4th Student Affairs Committee as written. The motion was seconded by Trustee McInnis. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion 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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Yes: 9, No: 0

Consideration of the Student and Student Organization Conduct and Corrective Actions Permanent Rule

Discussion

Trustee Jenkins stated that information regarding the Student and Student Organization Conduct and Corrective Actions Rule was circulated before the meeting.

Conclusions

Trustee Jenkins moved to approve the Student and Student Organization Conduct and Corrective Actions Rule, including authorizing the president and his designees to make any technical or minor corrections to the rule, including changes required by the Attorney General's Office or the Government Operations Committee after review. There was no discussion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion 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

Trustee Cannata reported on the actions of the Audit Committee at the June 4th meeting. The committee reviewed and approved the following action item: Internal Audit Plan for Fiscal Year 2022. The committee listened to presentations regarding the following information items: Internal Audit Reports Released Between February 23, 2021, and May 10, 2021, with a list of outstanding audit recommendations; and the Client Satisfaction Surveys for Calendar Year 2020.

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Trustee Cannata moved that the Board approve the minutes of the June 4th Audit Committee as written. The motion was seconded by Trustee McInnis. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion 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 June 4th meeting. The committee reviewed and approved the following action items: Tuition and Mandatory Fee Increases for the 2021-2022 Academic Year; the Estimated Budget for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year and the Proposed Budget for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year; and the Capital Outlay and Maintenance Requests for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year. The committee reviewed the following information items: the University's Organizational Chart.

Conclusions

Trustee Atkins moved that the Board approve the minutes of the June 4th Business and Finance Committee as written. The motion was seconded by Trustee May. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion 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		
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	ition and Mandatory Fee Increases for the 2021-2022	
Academic Year		
Discussion		
	that the proposed Tuition and Mandatory Fee Increases for the Year were circulated before the meeting.	
Conclusions		
for the 2021-2022 Actunanimously with nine		
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		
	e Estimated Budget for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year and or the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year	
Discussion		
Trustee Atkins stated that the Estimated Budget for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year and the Proposed Budget for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year were circulated before the meeting.		
Conclusions		
Trustee Atkins moved to approve the Estimated Budget for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year and the Proposed Budget for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion 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 the Capital Outlay and Maintenance Requests for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year

Discussion

Trustee Atkins stated that the Capital Outlay and Maintenance Requests for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year were circulated before the meeting.

Conclusions

Trustee Atkins moved to approve the Capital Outlay and Maintenance Requests for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion 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 June 4th meeting. The committee reviewed and approved the following action items: the Title IX Compliance permanent rule and the Access to Public Records permanent rule.

Conclusions

Trustee O'Malley moved that the Board approve the minutes of the June 4th Executive Committee as written. The motion was seconded by Trustee Jenkins. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion 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 the Title IX Compliance Permanent Rule

Discussion

Trustee O'Malley stated that the Title IX Compliance Rule was circulated before the meeting.

Conclusions

Trustee O'Malley moved to approve the Title IX Compliance Rule, including authorizing the president and his designees to make any technical or minor corrections to the rule, including changes required by the Attorney General's Office or the Government Operations Committee after review. A roll call vote was taken and the motion 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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Yes: 9, No: 0

Consideration of the Access to Public Records Permanent Rule

Discussion

Trustee O'Malley stated that the Access to Public Records rule was circulated before the meeting.

Conclusions

Trustee O'Malley moved to approve the Access to Public Records rule, including authorizing the president and his designees to make any technical or minor corrections to the rule, including changes required by the Attorney General's Office or the Government Operations Committee after review. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion 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

APSU Board of Trustees Awards

Discussion

Trustee O'Malley recognized Kris Phillips, vice president for Advancement, who provided information on the proposed 2021 award recipients. The proposed award recipients are: APSU Philanthropist of the Year – The Band Foundation; Govs Who Lead Through Military Service Award – Retired CW4 Joe Shakeenab; and Govs Who Lead Through Service Award – Kathryn Minniehan and Kayla Morgan. The recipients will receive their awards during separate events throughout the year.

Conclusions

Trustee O'Malley moved to approve the Band Foundation as the APSU Philanthropist of the Year; Retired CW4 Joe Shakeenab as the recipient of the Govs Who Lead Through Military Service Award; and Kathryn Minniehan and Kayla Morgan as the

recipients of the Govs Who Lead Through Service Award. The motion was seconded by Trustee Atkins.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously with nine trustees voting yes.

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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

Naming Request for the F. Evans Harvill Quadrangle

Discussion

Trustee O'Malley recognized Kris Phillips to provide information regarding the Naming Request for the F. Evans Harvill Quadrangle. Mr. Phillips provided information on the naming request and stated the naming was in accordance with APSU Policy 7:009: Naming Rooms and Areas and Building Plaques. The Quadrangle will be located in front of the Browning Building.

Conclusions

Trustee Atkins moved to approve the Naming Request for the F. Evans Harvill Quadrangle. Trustee Jenkins seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion 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

Legislative Update

Discussion

Trustee O'Malley recognized Dr. Carol Clark, chief government and community relations officer, to provide a legislative update.

Dr. Clark provided a brief overview of 2021 legislative action that directly impacts the University, to include extending the sunset of the Austin Peay State University Board of Trustees for six years, until June 2027; and confirming the appointment or reappointment of Trustee Luck, Trustee McInnis and Trustee Mealer.

Dr. Clark also noted that laws were passed to increase student access to some scholarships or tuition assistance. The provisions of the STRONG Act were extended to allow members of the Tennessee National Guard to receive tuition reimbursement for certain master's degrees, and the dollar amount of dual enrollment scholarships was increased to provide more support for high school students who choose to take college courses while they are still enrolled in high school.

Trustee O'Malley thanked Dr. Clark for her work.

Advancement Division Update

Trustee O'Malley recognized Kris Phillips to provide an update on Advancement and Alumni Relations.

Mr. Phillips acknowledged the success of the "What If" Campaign and noted that the standard of giving has been raised. Mr. Phillips also reported on Alumni Relations, communications, Annual Giving, development, stewardship and the APSU Foundation.

Mr. Phillips introduced Ginna Holleman, chair of the Comprehensive Campaign, who spoke about the "What If" Comprehensive Campaign for Austin Peay, noting that APSU surpassed the financial goal in April 2021, earlier than expected. Ms. Holleman thanked the members of the campaign committee and the Advancement and Alumni Relations staff.

Trustee O'Malley congratulated the Advancement Office.

President's Report and Report on Interim Items

Discussion

Trustee O'Malley recognized President Michael Licari to give his report to the Board.

President Licari reported that, during his first three months as president, he has met with and listened to many people on and off campus, including student groups, faculty and staff leaders, and external constituents, such as the Clarksville and Nashville Chambers of Commerce, the Industrial Development Board, the Economic Development Council, the local schools and nonprofits, and members of local, state and federal government. Along with his wife, Kirsten, Licari has attended athletic events, academic talks and concerts, and other campus events. He has also toured campus operations to get a sense of some of the University's opportunities and challenges.

He noted four key takeaways from those experiences: first, the faculty and staff are committed to the University; second, the students are eager to get back to normal; third, community and business leaders are incredibly supportive of the University and are looking for ways to further develop partnerships; finally, there is optimism about moving the University forward, stronger than ever. He added that the faculty and staff at APSU are incredible and the students are excited and looking forward to returning to campus.

Licari reported that campus reopened to full capacity as of June 1, after over a year of careful planning and implementation of COVID-19 protocols. He thanked everyone who supported the campus vaccination site in administering 4,302 vaccines from March 2 through May 27.

He noted that during the first week of May, APSU held seven commencement ceremonies to recognize graduates from this spring semester and the fall 2020 semester. One of the 1,000 new alumni was Dr. Sarah Dugger, who earned Austin Peay's first doctorate when she finished her Doctorate of Education in the educational leadership program. In May, the University also hosted commissioning ceremonies for the largest number of ROTC graduates in the history of the program. During the coming year, there will be a series of events and opportunities to learn more about the program as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the ROTC program.

Licari shared that although Austin Peay is not due for reaffirmation with our regional accreditor until 2024, faculty and staff from across the University are already working to ensure our compliance with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) standards. He stated his appreciation for the strong leadership provided by Provost Cronley and her team in preparing for the reaffirmation process.

He announced that he would be recognizing a student in his report at every board meeting. For his inaugural student spotlight, he identified APSU student Jarres Plummer. During the pandemic, Austin Peay's first engineering program – the Bachelor of Science in Engineering with a major in engineering physics – turned three years old. Jarres, a student in the program, helped this young program earn a national reputation by receiving a 2021 Nadine Barlow Undergraduate Research Support Award, a national award presented by the Council on Undergraduate

Research. Jarres worked with Dr. Roman Holovchak on a cutting-edge project that examines different responses to thin films that one day might make more durable devices, such as tablets and smartphones.

Licari also congratulated Kris Phillips and the Advancement team for the success of the "What If" campaign and the Govs Give day of giving and for reaching \$14.4 million in fundraising for the current fiscal year – a level that has only been reached once before in the University's history.

He expressed his appreciation to the Tennessee General Assembly for approving funding to construct the Health Professions Building, for capital improvements and repairs for the Sundquist Science Building, and for support to launch the Institute for National Security and Military Studies. He thanked the Community Health Foundation for awarding the University a grant for expenses related to the building and acknowledged the important leadership that Deputy Speaker Curtis Johnson and Sen. Bill Powers provided in the General Assembly for adding funding for the Institute to the Governor's budget. He thanked Mitch Robinson for his attentiveness and leadership in the use of HEERF funding from the federal government.

Licari congratulated the women's tennis and beach volleyball teams for being OVC champions. He announced that APSU student-athletes posted their eighth consecutive semester GPA above 3.0, with a 3.27 average for the spring semester, and congratulated the student-athletes, coaches and Athletic Director Gerald Harrison.

He reviewed recent administrative changes at the University: promoting Kris Phillips to vice president for University Advancement upon the retirement of Lt. Gen. Ron Bailey; naming Dannelle Whiteside as vice president for Legal Affairs and Organizational Strategy including oversight of marketing, communication and strategic initiatives; hiring Maj. Gen. Walt Lord as military adviser in residence upon the departure of Brig. Gen. Scott Brower; and naming Dr. Carol Clark as chief government and community relations officer with additional responsibility as secretary to the Board of Trustees.

Licari reiterated his interest in revising and focusing the University's strategic plan and stated that the "planning to plan" has begun with the leadership team. The process will include an assessment of the University's mission and vision statements and a complete plan should be presented to the Board in the spring of 2022. As the plan is developed, information will be gathered from many constituents and other sources. He identified five key strategic issues that will be addressed: strategic enrollment management (SEM), institutional vitality, academic strength, military, and employee success and provided a brief description of each.

He closed by extending his appreciation and best wishes to Trustee Luck, Trustee Wadia and Dr. McCartney Johnson for their service to the University.

Adjourn	
Discussion	
Trustee O'Malley thanked President Licari for his report. He stated the next Board of Trustees meeting will be on September 17, 2021.	
Conclusions	
Trustee O'Malley moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Atkins. A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously with nine trustees voting yes. The meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.	

Michael P. D'Mally