



Academic Affairs Committee Minutes

Friday, September 16, 2022
317 College Street, Clarksville, TN 37040

Call to Order

Trustee May, committee chair, called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

Roll Call/Declaration of Quorum

Dr. Carol Clark, secretary to the board, called the roll. Trustee May stated there was a quorum.

Attendees:

Committee Members

Trustee Valencia May, Chair
Trustee Elaine Berg
Trustee Olivia Hershey (non-voting)
Trustee Mike O'Malley
Trustee Billy Atkins, ex officio

University Personnel

Dr. Michael Licari, President
Dr. Carol Clark, Secretary to the Board
Dr. Maria Cronley, Provost
Ms. Dannelle Whiteside, Vice President for
Legal Affairs & Org. Strategy

Approval of Minutes

Trustee May presented the minutes of the June 10, 2022, Academic Affairs Committee to the committee for approval. She asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. There were none.

Trustee Berg moved that the minutes be approved as written. Trustee O'Malley seconded the motion.

A voice vote was taken and carried unanimously with four trustees voting yes.

Action Items

A. Tenure Upon Appointment: Dr. Buzz Hoon, Dean of the College of Arts and Letters

Trustee May recognized Dr. Maria Cronley, provost and senior vice president for Academic Affairs, to provide information on awarding tenure upon appointment at the rank of full professor for Dr. Buzz Hoon, dean of the College of Arts and Letters, effective August 1, 2022. Hoon meets all of the requirements of the APSU policy on tenure in the Department of Communication.

Trustee O'Malley moved that tenure upon appointment for Dr. Buzz Hoon be approved. Trustee Berg seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and carried unanimously with four trustees voting yes.

Information Items

A. Degree and Certificate Awards by Type and Academic Year

Trustee May recognized Cronley to provide information regarding the degree and certificate awards by type and academic year. The total number of degrees conferred last academic year was higher than pre-pandemic numbers. APSU saw a dip in conferred degrees from 2020 and 2021, which were record-high numbers of degrees. This was an expected decline due to the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Doctoral cohorts are currently larger than ever, which should result in further increases in the number of doctoral degrees conferred.

B. Program Productivity Report

Trustee May recognized 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 taking action to rebound the AAS Engineering Technology program. The BA/BS Philosophy/Religion and the BS Physics programs are identified by THEC as low producing but are long-standing and mature programs that serve the general education core at APSU. The BS Special Education has recently dipped into the low-producing program threshold due to the declining number of students in the Special Education major. This is part of a larger national trend in teacher education. Active steps are being implemented to recruit aspiring special educators into the program. Each department that will be housed, at least partially, in the new Health Professions Building—Allied Health Sciences, Social Work, the School of Nursing, and Psychological Sciences and Counseling—are seeing increased degree production in at least one of their programs.

C. Preliminary Fall Enrollment

Trustee May recognized Cronley to provide information regarding the preliminary fall enrollment. The fall census enrollment is not finalized until after the fourteenth day of the Fall II and Fall B terms which falls in early November this year. Finalized enrollment data will be shared at the December board meeting.

Adjournment

Trustee May moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Berg seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and carried unanimously with four trustees voting yes. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 a.m.