



Academic Affairs Committee Minutes

Friday, March 17, 2023

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.

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL		
Name	Present	Absent
Trustee Berg	X	
Trustee Hershey*	X	
Trustee Jenkins, ex officio	X	
Trustee May (Chair)	X	
Trustee O'Malley	X	

* Non-Voting Member

University Personnel Present

Dr. Michael Licari, President

Dr. Carol Clark, Secretary to the Board

Dr. Maria Cronley, Provost

Ms. Dannelle Whiteside, Vice President for Legal Affairs & Organizational Strategy

Approval of Minutes

Trustee May presented the minutes of the December 2, 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. Consideration of Tenure Appointments

Trustee May recognized Dr. Maria Cronley, provost and senior vice president for Academic Affairs, to provide information on the tenure appointments. A total of 11 faculty members were recommended for tenure after meeting all the requirements of the APSU tenure policy. Dr. Cronley shared the list of faculty members with the board.

Trustee Berg moved that the tenure appointments be approved. Trustee Jenkins seconded the motion.

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

B. Approval to Form a University College

Trustee May recognized Cronley to provide information regarding the formation of a University College. The University College will provide an academic home to previously displaced programs, as well as align many of our student success efforts more efficiently. The dean of the University College will be hired internally, no net new administrative staff are needed.

Trustee Hershey questioned how the University College would affect the long-term growth of the programs within the college such as the Honors Program. Hershey noted that students would like to see the Honors Program grow to become an Honors College and asked if the University College would stagnate that growth. Cronley addressed Hershey's concerns noting that the University College would allow for *more* growth of the Honors Program.

Trustee O'Malley moved that the University College be approved. Trustee Berg seconded the motion.

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

Information Items

A. Removal from Provisional Certification and SACSCOC Substantive Change Restriction

Trustee May recognized Cronley to provide information regarding the removal of the University from Provisional Certification and SACSCOC Substantive Change Restriction. In Spring 2021, the university was placed on provisional certification status for Title IV programs. This was due to a borrower default rate on the Perkins Loan, which has since been discontinued. Per SACSCOC policy this was reported to the accreditor and the university was placed on Substantive Change Monitoring. The defaulted loans have been liquidated and the university is no longer subject to provisional certification or substantive change monitoring.

Adjournment

Trustee Jenkins 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 8:24 a.m.