



Academic Affairs Committee Minutes

Friday, Dec. 2, 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.

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL		
Name	Present	Absent
Trustee Berg	X	
Trustee Hershey*	X	
Trustee Jenkins, <i>ex officio</i>		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 Sept. 16, 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 Hershey seconded the motion.

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

Information Items

A. Fall Census Enrollment

Trustee May recognized Dr. Maria Cronley, provost and senior vice president for Academic Affairs, to provide information regarding fall census enrollment. Fall Census Enrollment was 9,326, which is slightly down from last year's number of 9,609. This decrease can be attributed to the graduation of pre-COVID classes and smaller cohorts since the start of the pandemic. APSU has seen a 1.3% increase in new students, a 6% increase in transfer students, a 2.2% increase in military-affiliated enrollment, and a 33.3% increase in international enrollment. The university's enrollment numbers are trending in a positive direction.

B. Admissions Updates for Fall 2023

Trustee May recognized Cronley to provide information regarding admissions for Fall 2023. Cronley reported on several initiatives under way to help continue the positive enrollment trends. Gobs Preview Days and individual and group tours have brought almost 2,900 prospective students and their families to campus. Other campus events such as GOMB day and a large football recruiting visit at homecoming brought hundreds of students to campus. The admissions team has visited over 400 sites to meet with potential students.

Several new initiatives will be implemented for fall 2023, including a 4-year graduation guarantee, experience grants, Gobs Guarantee, and the Alumni Legacy scholarship.

C. Dual Enrollment Overview

Trustee May recognized Cronley to provide information regarding dual enrollment. Cronley stated that APSU partners with 28 high schools around the mid-state to offer a wide variety of dual enrollment courses to more than 1,000 high school students. This number has grown over the past few years and continues to grow as school systems are reaching out to the university to oversee these credit-bearing courses.

Dual enrollment is a recruiting tool with a 40% matriculation rate over a six-year average. One of the dual enrollment sites is right here on APSU's campus. Middle College at APSU has over 100 students who take a variety of dual enrollment courses on their way to a high school diploma. Students also have the option of taking an associate degree pathway, which allows them to finish high school with both a high school diploma and an Associate of Science in Liberal Arts from Austin Peay. Eighteen students from the class of 2022 completed the associate degree pathway.

Adjournment

Trustee May moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Berg seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and carried unanimously with two trustees voting yes. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 a.m.