

**MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, STUDENT LIFE, AND ATHLETICS COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

The Academic Affairs, Student Life, and Athletics Committee met on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, in the Miller Education Center Meeting Room at Middle Tennessee State University.

Call to Order

Committee Chair Pam Wright called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Secretary James Floyd called the roll. The following Committee members were in attendance: J.B. Baker, Tom Boyd, Pete DeLay, Bill Jones, Mary Martin, Steve Smith, Christine Vanek, Michael Wade, Pam Wright, and Molly Mihm. A quorum was declared.

President Sidney A. McPhee participated in the meeting electronically. Yvette Clark, Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer; Sarah Sudak, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students; Alan Thomas, Vice President for Business and Finance; Leah Ladley, Chief Audit Executive; James Floyd, University Counsel and Board Secretary; and Kim Edgar, Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff, were also in attendance.

Approval of Minutes - Action

The first agenda item was approval of the minutes from the February 27, 2024, Academic Affairs, Student Life, and Athletics Committee meeting. Trustee DeLay moved to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2024, meeting, and Trustee Jones seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, and the motion to approve the minutes was approved unanimously.

Approval of Tenure and Promotion – Action

Vice Provost Brian Hinote presented 34 candidates for tenure and 55 candidates for promotion. The candidates presented their applications last September and had been thoroughly vetted in multiple steps throughout the academic year.

Trustee Vanek moved to approve the candidates for tenure and promotion, and Trustee DeLay seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, and the motion to approve 34 candidates for tenure and 55 candidates for promotion passed unanimously.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Update – Information

Interim Vice Provost for Enrollment Services Laurie Witherow shared that MTSU recently received 23,000 FAFSAs and began packaging aid for new students on May 9, 2024. Three CUSTOMS orientation sessions have taken place, and students and parents understand the delays in aid packaging that every institution is experiencing. The FAFSA change was a vast undertaking that delayed student and parent access to complete the application.

Athletics Report - Information

Associate Athletic Director Lee DeLeon highlighted successes from the year.

Conference USA championships were won by the men's and women's cross country teams, women's basketball, and men's tennis.

Academically, the overall student-athlete GPA was 3.2, and 78 student-athletes graduated.

The MTSU-LSU women's basketball game had two million viewers.

Construction on the new football video board starts this summer.

The Student-Athlete Performance Center is on track to completion next summer.

Adjournment

Committee Chair Wright adjourned the meeting at 1:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Academic Affairs, Student Life, and Athletics Committee