

## **MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, STUDENT LIFE, AND ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**

**May 30, 2018**

The Academic Affairs, Student Life, and Athletics Committee met on Wednesday, May 30, 2018, at Middle Tennessee State University. Chairwoman Pam Wright called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. A quorum was present with the following Committee members in attendance: J.B. Baker, Joey Jacobs, Tony Johnston, Steve Smith, Pam Wright, Lindsey Weaver, Keith Huber and Chris Massaro. Trustee Pete Delay was unable to attend. Also present were Trustee Andy Adams; Sidney McPhee, President; Joe Bales, Vice President for University Advancement; Mark Byrnes, University Provost; Andrew Oppmann, Vice President for Marketing and Communications; Bruce Petryshak, Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer; Deb Sells, Vice President for Student Affairs and Vice Provost for Enrollment and Academic Services; Alan Thomas, Vice President for Business and Finance; Kim Edgar, Executive Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff and, Heidi Zimmerman, University Counsel and Board Secretary.

Chairwoman Wright began the meeting with approval of the minutes from the February 27, 2018 Committee Meeting. Trustee Smith made the motion, which was seconded by Trustee Johnston. A voice vote was taken and the Motion carried to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2018 Committee Meeting.

The next action item was approval of candidates for tenure and promotion. Provost Byrnes told the Committee that candidates are reviewed by six levels over the academic year. Trustee Smith asked if anyone was denied tenure this year. Provost Byrnes said there was. Trustee Smith requested a one-page summary of tenured, tenure-track, and temporary faculty and suggested that a discussion about tenure would be helpful for a future luncheon session. Trustee Smith made the Motion that the list of twenty-nine (29) Tenure and forty (40) Promotion Candidates be recommended to the Board for approval. The Motion was seconded by Trustee Johnston. A voice vote was taken and the Motion carried.

The next item was notification of academic degrees under consideration: a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts in Art Therapy. Provost Byrnes said there are specific jobs for these degrees, and no college or university in Tennessee offers these. Pending the results of feasibility studies, the University may submit Letters of Notification to THEC.

Next, Dr. Sells distributed data on application and enrollment as of May 29, 2018. She monitors CUSTOMS registrations and guaranteed scholarship activity as compared to the same day last year to predict enrollment. New freshmen and new transfer registrations are up.

In other business, Trustee Adams asked if a plan for a trustees' emergency fund for students was going forward. Dr. McPhee said he will speak personally to each trustee about this.

The meeting adjourned 11:53 a.m. (CST).

Respectfully submitted, Academic Affairs, Student Life and Athletics Committee