



Academic Policies and Programs/Student Life Committee Meeting		
11-30-17		317 College Street, Clarksville, TN

Meeting Type	Academic Policies & Programs/Student Life Committee	
Note taker	Lynne Halliburton	
Attendees	Mr. Don Jenkins Chair	Present
	Gen. Gary Luck	Present
	Dr. Valencia May	Present
	Brig. Gen. Robin Mealer	Absent
	Dr. Nell Rayburn	Present
	Crystal Wallenius	Present
	Dr. Rex Gandy, ex-officio	Present
	Dr. Sherryl Byrd, ex-officio	Present
	Mike O'Malley, ex-officio	Present
	Dr. Alisa White, President	Present
	Dannelle Whiteside, General Counsel and Secretary to the Board	Present

**Ed.D. in Educational Leadership Program/Level Change Approval**

Trustee Jenkins called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and roll was called. Trustee Jenkins determined there was a quorum.

Trustee Jenkins moved for a motion to adopt today's agenda. Trustee Luck seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The agenda was adopted.

**Ed.D. in Educational Leadership Program/Level Change Approval**

Discussion

Trustee Jenkins recognized Dr. Rex Gandy to present information regarding the proposed Ed.D. in Educational Leadership program which would also require seeking Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges approval of a Level Change to offer the University's first doctoral degree program.

Dr. Gandy advised that the degree will focus on providing skills at both the K-12 and college level. The Ed.D. will meet the educational needs of the area as studies have shown that there is a demand in the area for this type of degree. The cohort model will admit 20 students in its first cohort and 15 each subsequent year.

Once this degree is approved by the Board Of Trustees, it will then go before THEC for approval in January and then to SACSCOC for approval in June. The proposed implementation date for the program is Fall 2018. This degree program supports Strategic Plan Goal 1: Enrollment Growth in the region.

A motion was made by Trustee Rayburn to approve the proposed Ed.D. in Educational Leadership program. The motion was seconded by Trustee May.

Trustee Luck asked if there was a prerequisite to the program. Dr. Gandy advised that many who come into this program will have a Masters or an Education Specialist (Ed.S.) degree. Trustee Luck advised that over time, required prerequisites to match the program may want to be developed.

Trustee Rayburn asked if the interested students have to apply to the College of Graduate Studies and whether the admissions standards vetted by the program. Dr. Gandy advised that the admission standards are determined by the program.

**Conclusions**

Trustee Jenkins called for a vote on the motion to approve the proposed Ed.D. Program/Level Change and all Committee members approved. The motion carries.

Follow-up Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
N/A		

**Executive Certificate in Healthcare Administration Approval**

**Discussion**

Trustee Jenkins recognized Dr. Rex Gandy to present information regarding a new Executive Certificate in Healthcare Administration in the College of Behavioral and Health Sciences.

Dr. Gandy advised that this is a 12 hour graduate certificate geared toward individuals working in the health care industry and wanting to move up into management. The courses will be offered in a hybrid format (online and face-to-face) and is designed to be completed in two eight-week semesters. The courses will include Financial Accounting in Healthcare, Human Resource Management, Financial Management of Health Care Services and Strategic Healthcare Management. This certificate will can be applied toward those pursuing a Master’s program. The proposed implementation date is Spring 2018 with 15 students in the cohort.

A motion was made by Trustee Luck to approve the new Executive Certificate in Healthcare Administration in the College of Behavioral and Health Sciences as written. The motion was seconded by Trustee Rayburn.

Trustee Rayburn asked whether the student’s admission to the graduate school is automatic admission to the certificate program, and Dr. Gandy confirmed that it is not an automatic admissions to the program.

Trustee Wallenius asked if students pursuing a Master’s degree and taking these courses could request the certificate and Dr. Gandy confirmed.

Conclusions

Trustee Jenkins called for a vote on approving the new Executive Certificate in Healthcare Administration in the College of Behavioral and Health Sciences as written and all Committee members approved. The motion carries.

Follow-up Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
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N/A

**Graduate Certificate in Project Management Approval**

Discussion

Trustee Jenkins recognized Dr. Rex Gandy to present information regarding a new Graduate Certificate in Project Management in the College of Behavioral and Health Sciences.

Dr. Gandy advised that the Department of Leadership and Organizational Administration in the College of Behavioral and Health Sciences proposes a 9-credit hour certificate in Project Management. The national exam is the Project Management Professional (PMP) and this certificate is geared toward preparing students to pass this test. This program is now under Continuing Education and is non-credit bearing. Offering this program as a credit-bearing program will help the military community in utilizing VA benefits to enroll in the program, get jobs and further their careers.

Trustee Luck moved to approve the new Graduate Certificate in Project Management. The motion was seconded by Trustee May.

Conclusions

Trustee Jenkins called for a vote to approve the new Graduate Certificate in Project Management as written and all Committee members approved. The motion carries.

Follow-up Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
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N/A

**Revised Student Code of Conduct Rules Approval**

Discussion

Trustee Jenkins recognized Dannelle Whiteside to present information regarding the proposed Student Code of Conduct Rules.

Dannelle Whiteside stated that at the May 19, 2017 meeting, the Board approved code rules that went to the Attorney General’s office and then on to the Secretary of State. After reviewing them, there are changes as per the attachment.

Two areas of change were discussed:

- APSU Policy currently states that alcoholic beverage consumption on campus is prohibited for students regardless of age. The revised Rules state that it shall not be a violation for students twenty-one (21) years of age or older to consume alcohol within areas designated by the president where alcohol is permitted to be served. President White stated that currently there are certain events where alcohol is served and students who are of age cannot consume. The changes in the policy does not liberalize the places, times or events.
- The section addressing emotional support animals is currently out of compliance with ADA. With this change, the language is now compliant.

A motion was made by Trustee Rayburn to approve the Student Code of Conduct Rules as written. The motion was seconded by Trustee May.

Conclusions

Trustee Jenkins called for a vote to approve the Student Code of Conduct Rules and all Committee members approved. The motion carries.

Follow-up Items

Person Responsible

Deadline

N/A

**Information Item: Fall Census Enrollment data**

Discussion

Trustee Jenkins recognized Dr. Rex Gandy to present information regarding the Fall Census Enrollment data.

Dr. Gandy called the Board's attention to Informational Item A in each Trustee's packet. The information comes at this time because the Austin Peay Center at Fort Campbell semester is divided into two terms. Most universities are only allowed to count regular Fall semester students and possibly Fall I term students. Austin Peay is allowed to count any students enrolled in the Fall II term which delays official count until early November. Enrollment for the Fall 2017 semester is 10,463 students which is up 1.2% from one year ago and 3.6% from two years ago. In the past year, only ETSU grew more than APSU, and University of Memphis growing more over two years. Dr. Gandy noted that APSU enrolled 1,988 new freshmen and 451 dual enrollment students which are both all-time highs for the university.

Trustee O'Malley asked what year APSU had the largest class enrollment. Dr. Gandy indicated 2011 when 10,900 students were enrolled. Dr. White stated that MTSU had about 28,000 at its all-time high and now has 22,511.

**Conclusions**

This is an information item only and no action is required by the Committee

**New Business**

Trustee Wallenius asked the Board what can be done to enhance student success, and discussed the example of Presidential scholarship fulfillment requirements. This academic year, due to the number students who received this scholarship, the fourth year recipients did not have to work the required scholarship hours on campus. She suggested that APSU expand research especially for these students to promote their success and document on their resumes.

Dr. White suggested that they think about a mechanism to share what students are bringing forward. She suggested working together to address ideas, issues, etc. to which Wallenius agreed.

**Adjournment**

Trustee Jenkins moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Rayburn made the motion and Trustee Luck seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.