



March Board Meeting		
3.9.2018		317 College Street Clarksville, TN 37040
Meeting	Type	Board Meeting
Note taker	Joanne Shepard	
Attendees	Mr. Billy Atkins	Yes
	Ms. Katherine Cannata	Yes
	Mr. Larry Carroll	Yes
	Mr. Don Jenkins	Yes
	Dr. Gary Luck	Yes
	Dr. Valencia May	Yes
	Brig. Gen. Robin Mealer	Yes
	Mr. Mike O'Malley	Yes
	Dr. Nell Rayburn	Yes
	Ms. Crystal Wallenius	Yes
Trustee O'Malley called the meeting to order. Board Secretary, Dannelle Whiteside called the roll. There was a quorum.		
Adoption of Agenda		
Discussion		
Trustee O'Malley informed the Board that some items for consideration are on a consent agenda. He asked if there were any items on it that the Trustees would like extracted. There were none.		
Conclusions		
Trustee O'Malley moved for the adoption of the agenda, including the items on the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Jenkins. A voice vote was taken and passed unanimously with 9 trustees voting yes.		
Follow-up Items	Person	Deadline
Approval of Minutes		
Discussion		
Conclusions		
Trustee Atkins made a motion to approve the minutes for the December meeting. Trustee Rayburn seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and passed unanimously with 9 trustees voting yes.		

Follow-up Items	Person	Deadline

Campus Spotlight

Discussion

Trustee O'Malley asked President White to introduce Mr. Ryan Ivey, Director of Athletics, to give the Campus Spotlight. President White began by expressing her thanks to Mr. Ivey and the coaches and students for a successful year. She said that she was very proud of our student athletes and coaching staff and their representation of our university both on and off campus.

Mr. Ivey discussed the vision of the athletics program and introduced his coaching staff: Coach Rodney Delong- Women's Softball, Coach David Midlick-Women's Basketball, Coach Naomi Kolarova-Soccer, Coach Taylor Mott who was named the OVC Volleyball Coach of the Year, Coach Matt Figger who was named the OVC Men's Basketball Coach of the Year, and Coach Will Healy who was named the OVC Football Coach of the Year and the National FCS Football Coach of the Year.

Coach Mott said the volleyball team received its first ever invitation to the NCAA tournament playing against UCLA. Ms. Ashley Slay, who was named the OVC Volleyball Player of the Year, spoke about her personal growth and the growth of the volleyball program while she has been at APSU.

Coach Figger stated that in his 25 years of coaching at 6 institutions, he is most impressed with our student athletes and their great discipline and integrity. He said that the basketball team had an overall 3.2 GPA, which is the highest recorded for our university. Mr. Zach Glotta spoke about his time playing basketball and how the student athletes are a big family, supporting each other's teams by attending their games.

Coach Healy said he came here when we had a 29 game losing streak and ended with a winning season – 8 wins this year. He stated that APSU is a great place for students, and they are proud of this university. Looking back five years from now, Healy wants to make sure that our students are still proud they chose to attend APSU. Mr. Javaughn Craig, quarterback this past season, said that his time at APSU has truly been a blessing and that it was the best decision of his life when he chose to attend APSU. He was grateful to be able to help in the tornado relief efforts in the last few weeks with his fellow athletes.

Athletics Director Ivey spoke of the core values of the athletic department and the importance of our military partnerships. He said we played our first ever collegiate basketball game on the Fort Campbell Army Base this year. He reported on our facility enhancements: new weight room, beach volleyball courts and our mobile suites.

Trustee O'Malley spoke of the immense pride that he has for the coaches and student athletes and thanked them for their dedication and hard work. Trustee Jenkins complimented President White in her wisdom to see that, as she stated when they first met, "Athletics is the front porch of this university."

Trustee May commended the student athletes on their great grade point average. Trustee Wallenius stated that she appreciated all of the student athletes.

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Academic Policies and Programs/Student Life Committee Report

Discussion	
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Trustee Jenkins reported on the actions of the academic policies and programs/student life committee at the March 8 meeting. At the committee meeting, Provost Gandy said that we had recently received THEC's approval of the Ed.D. in Educational Leadership and explained the next steps in the approval process. He also provided an update on the status of the development of the proposed Psy.D. in Counseling Psychology. The program proposal is currently moving through the steps in the THEC staff review process.

The committee reviewed and approved the following action item: Graduate Certification in Teaching English to Speakers of Others Languages.

The committee also reviewed the names of three students who were put forward as finalists to serve as the next Student Trustee. The committee selected Celeste Malone.

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Jenkins moved that the Board approve the minutes for the March 8 meeting. Trustee Adkins seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and passed with 9 trustees voting yes.

Jenkins made the motion to approve Ms. Celeste Malone as the next Student Trustee with her term beginning May 5, 2018. A voice vote was taken and passed with 9 trustees voting yes.

Follow-up Items	Person	Deadline

Audit Committee Report

Trustee Cannata reported on the actions of the audit committee at the March 8 meeting. The committee discussed and approved revisions to the following action items: the Audit Committee Charter; the Internal Audit Charter; the Internal Audit Policy; the Reporting Fraud, Waste and Abuse Policy; and the Audit Plan for Fiscal Year 2018. Also discussed were the Internal Audit Reports issued between November 7, 2017 and February 12, 2018 with a list of outstanding audit recommendations and the Comptroller's Office Financial and Compliance Report for FY 2017. A closed executive session of the Audit committee was also convened.	

Conclusions	
Trustee Cannata moved that the Board approve the minutes for the March 8 meeting. Trustee Rayburn seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and passed with 9 trustees voting yes.	

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Business and Finance Committee Report	
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Discussion	
Trustee Atkins reported on the actions of the business and finance committee at the March 8 meeting. The action items the committee reviewed and approved are as follows: non-mandatory fee increase for the 2018-19 academic year; housing rate increase for the 2018-19 academic year; and campus property acquisition. The committee also reviewed the following information items: the Governor's budget recommendations; and fiscal year 2016-17 Financial Report.	

Conclusions	
Trustee Atkins moved that the Board approve the minutes for the March 8 meeting. Trustee May seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and passed with 9 trustees voting yes.	
Trustee Atkins moved that the Board approve the Non-Mandatory Fee increases for 2018-2019. A roll call vote was taken and passed with 9 trustees voting yes.	
Trustee Atkins moved that the Board approve the Housing Rate increases for 2018-2019. A roll call vote was taken and passed with 9 trustees voting yes.	
Trustee Atkins moved that the Board approve the proposed campus property acquisition. A roll call vote was taken and passed with 9 trustees voting yes.	

Follow-up Items		Person	Deadline
APSU Awards			
Discussion			
<p>Mr. Derek van der Merwe asked the Board to approve three awards, which replace the APSU awards given previously under the Tennessee Board of Regents to deserving alumni/friends/organizations. The awards are the APSU Philanthropist of the Year; Govs Who Lead Through Military Service Award; and Govs Who Lead Through Service. Recommendations would be submitted at the June Board of Trustees meeting for approval and then awarded at an event each fall.</p>			
Conclusions			
<p>Trustee Atkins moved that the Board approve the three new awards and the procedures for giving the awards. Trustee Carroll seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and passed with 9 trustees voting yes.</p>			
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Naming Requests			
Discussion			
<p>Mr. van der Merwe asked the Board to approve four naming requests. The first was the Brock Blick Animal Science Facility located at the APSU farm. The Blick family would like to honor their son and have pledged to donate \$250,000 over the next seven years. The second and third requests are Joe and Cathi Maynard Baseball field and the Joe and Cathi Maynard Softball Stadium. The Maynards have agreed to donate \$1.5 million over ten years. The final naming request is naming center court at the beach volleyball facility the Caffee Family Court. Mr. Trent Caffee has agreed to donate \$25,000 over the next seven years.</p>			
Conclusions			
<p>Trustee Carroll moved that the Board approve the four naming requests. Trustee Jenkins seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and passed with 9 trustees voting yes.</p>			
Follow-up Items		Person	Deadline
President's Report and Report on Interim Items			
Discussion			
<p>President White said that the meeting prior to that point covered many successes at APSU, but that she wanted to talk about some of the challenges that we as a university are facing. The first challenge is operating effectively with constrained funding. She said a major goal has been to increase faculty and staff salaries, because many APSU employees were markedly underpaid. The next goal will be to</p>			

grow our employee base to better support our efforts and avoid burning out the great people who are helping us to succeed.

The second major challenge is the mental health of our students. We have had a significant increase in visits to our Boyd Health Services for mental health concerns from Fall 2014 to Fall 2017.

The final challenge is not only a challenge but is an opportunity and a privilege. We pride ourselves on offering support to our military-connected students and their families sufficient to allow them to complete a degree. They face many obstacles navigating federal, state and university regulations, but also deployments and reassignments. These students need our help.

We are working to address these challenges. First, we are working to be more efficient, reorganizing before filling vacant positions to increase efficiencies and effectiveness. We are working to improve our retention and graduation rates. Doing better in these metrics will lessen the time to degree for our students which will reduce their financial obligations. The university has renewed its commitment to seeking grants and contracts and we are working hard to grow our endowment.

In terms of the mental health challenge, we added a counselor to our health clinic and the director of clinic, Dr. Jeff Rutter, has initiated prevention programs and embedded services at highly visible places on campus to attract students to their message.

Finally, President White appointed a task force several months ago to look at how we can better serve our military-connected students. The task force will bring recommendations forward to budget hearings that begin next week, and the leadership team will consider them in light of impact and available budget. She invited the Board to share their ideas and concerns about these challenges and their solutions.

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Adjournment		
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Trustee O'Malley thanked President White for her update of the university. He also thanked Trustee Luck and Dr. Kristine Nakutis for the great day spent at Fort Campbell. He mentioned the next Board of Trustee meeting will be June 7 and 8. Lastly, he thanked Trustee Wallenius for her great representation of our students and wished her well in her next adventure in dental school in Utah.

Trustee Wallenius thanked the Board for allowing her this opportunity and also thanked President White for her guidance and leadership. She received a standing ovation for her service. Trustee O'Malley then passed the gavel to Trustee Wallenius for her to adjourn the meeting.

With that action, Trustee Wallenius tapped the gavel and adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Michael P. O'Malley