



May Board Meeting		
5.19.2017	9:00 am	416 College Street Clarksville, TN 37040
Meeting Type	May Board Meeting	
Note taker	Penny Howard	
Attendees	Mr. Billy Atkins	Yes
	Ms. Katherine Cannata	Yes
	Mr. Larry Carroll	Yes
	Mr. Don Jenkins	Yes
	Gen. Gary Luck	Yes
	Dr. Valencia May	Yes
	Brig. Gen. Robin Mealer	Yes
	Mr. Mike O'Malley	Yes
	Dr. Nell Rayburn	Yes
Crystal Wallenius	Yes	
<p>The meeting was called to order by Trustee O'Malley. Board Secretary Dannelle Whiteside called the roll. All trustees were present.</p>		
Adoption of Agenda		
Discussion		
<p>Trustee O'Malley moved for the adoption of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Luck.</p>		
Conclusions		
<p>A voice vote was taken to adopt the agenda and passed unanimously with 9 trustees voting yes.</p>		
Follow-up Items	Person	Deadline
N/A		
Approval of Minutes		
Discussion		
<p>A motion was made by Trustee Rayburn to pass the minutes for the March meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Jenkins.</p>		

Conclusions		
A voice vote was taken and passed unanimously with 9 trustees voting yes.		
Follow-up Items	Person	Deadline
N/A		
Campus Spotlight		
Discussion		
<p>President White introduced Wayne Estes, Professor of Biology, to provide a campus spotlight. Dr. Estes spoke regarding the Center of Excellence for Field Biology's interest in the Southeastern Grasslands Initiative. There is great concern whether our grasslands can survive until the 22nd century. Tennessee is considered a prairie grasslands state. Funds are needed for conservation projects. APSU is in the process of forming partnerships with several botanical research organizations. There is a need for corporate sponsorships, grants, regional sponsorships, and philanthropic partners to conserve southern grasslands.</p>		
Conclusions		
Trustee O'Malley congratulated Dr. Estes on this project.		
Follow-up Items	Person	Deadline
N/A		
Review of Amendments to Bylaws		
Discussion		
<p>Trustee O'Malley introduced Dannelle Whiteside to explain the proposed amendments to the bylaws. Ms. Whiteside explained that there were three things which needed to be addressed. 1) to define what a roll call is and whether it is required or necessary, 2) permitting consent agenda, and 3) further structure for board committees. A motion was made by Trustee Atkins to adopt the proposed amendments to the bylaws. The motion was seconded by Trustee Jenkins.</p>		
Conclusions		

A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously with 9 trustees voting yes.

Follow-up Items	Person	Deadline
N/A		

Approval of Executive Committee and Ratification of Committee Charters

Discussion

President White discussed the addition of an Executive Committee and ratification of charters for the Business and Finance Committee, Academic Policies and Programs/Student Life Committee and the Executive Committee. Executive Committee meetings may occur between board meetings if needed. A process of effectiveness of the Board function needs to exist. Trustee Carroll moved to approve the Executive Committee and Ratification of Committee Charters. The motion was seconded by Trustee Luck.

Conclusions

A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously with 9 trustees voting yes.

Follow-up Items	Person	Deadline
N/A		

Review of Approval of Policies and Rules

Discussion

Dannelle Whiteside presented proposed changes to the Policy Administration Policy and rules for Student Conduct and Disciplinary Sanctions and Traffic and Parking Regulations. The student code of conduct was voted on by the Board in May and needs to be promulgated into rules. Traffic and parking needs to be promulgated by the university. A motion was made by Trustee Rayburn to approve changes to the administration policy and the student conduct and disciplinary sanction and traffic and parking regulation rules. The motion was seconded by Trustee May.

Conclusions

A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously with 9 trustees voting yes.

Follow-up Items	Person	Deadline
N/A		
Business and Finance Committee Report		
Discussion		
<p>Trustee Atkins, Chair of the Business and Finance Committee, gave a report of the committee meeting. Trustee Atkins moved for adoption of the committee minutes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carroll.</p> <p>Trustee Atkins moved to approve a tuition increase.</p> <p>Trustee Atkins moved for approval for mandatory and non-mandatory fee increases. Trustee Wallenius requested that the Board reject the approval of the athletics fee increase because the overall increase was steep with regards to the current fee. Not all students have the authorization to use the athletics facilities and equipment, which should minimize their financial responsibility to the athletics department. A discussion followed. Trustee Cannata reminded the Board that APSU's fees are the 2nd lowest to other schools and in the grand scheme of things the fee increase may be needed. Trustee Atkins stated he had met with Mitch Robinson, Vice President for Finance and Administration about requested fee increases and believes this one is justified. Ryan Ivey, Athletics Director, spoke to the Board regarding the athletics management budget. President White stated she believes the fee is needed to provide students with other services and that this money will support across other areas of campus. Trustee Rayburn asked for the history of this fee. Mitch Robinson believed it increased 3 years ago regarding gender equity issues. Trustee Cannata stated this increase would amount to a 3.8% increase. Trustee Atkins moved to approve the mandatory and non-mandatory fee.</p> <p>Trustee Atkins moved to approve the 2017-2018 operating budget.</p> <p>Mitch Robinson spoke to the committee regarding the Master Planning process. The firm being used is Dober, Lidsky, and Mathey. It is estimated this will be a 5-year process. He is hoping to receive a presentation from them at the September Board meeting. The proposal may be ready for board approval in November or December. It will then be presented to THEC and the state commission for approval and perhaps begin implementation in January or February.</p>		
Conclusions		
<p>A roll call vote was taken to adopt the committee meeting minutes and passed unanimously with 9 trustees voting yes.</p>		
<p>A roll call vote was taken to approve a tuition increase and passed unanimously with 9 trustees voting yes.</p>		

A roll call vote was taken to approve mandatory and non-mandatory fees and passed unanimously with 9 trustees voting yes.

A voice vote was taken to approve the 2017-2018 operating budget and passed unanimously.

No vote was taken on the Master Planning Process as it was for information only.

Follow-up Items	Person	Deadline
N/A		

Academic Policies and Programs/Student Life Committee Report

Discussion

Trustee Don Jenkins, Chair of the Academic Policies and Programs/Student Life Committee gave the Board a report of the committee meeting. Information was given regarding the development of the new Psy.D. program in Counseling Psychology, regulations for entrance exams for all graduate programs, revisions to regulations for Fresh Start for all graduate students, and the development of accelerated master's pathways. There was discussion regarding the university calendar changing in the future to have APSU's spring break coincide with the Clarksville Montgomery County School System's calendar.

Trustee Jenkins moved to adopt the committee minutes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Luck.

Trustee Jenkins moved to approve those faculty recommended for tenure. The motion was seconded by Trustee Luck.

Trustee Jenkins moved to approve tenure for Dr. Prentice Chandler upon appointment.

Trustee Jenkins moved to approve the tenure policy. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mealer.

Provost Rex Gandy provided information on the tenure policy. The FOCUS ACT states this policy must be promulgated by the Board. Dr. White also spoke regarding the FOCUS ACT and that the Board must approve tenure. Tenure approval will continue to be brought before the Board for action, however, promotion will no longer be brought before the Board. Trustee Rayburn stated that the Provost had presented a summary of the levels for tenure at the committee meeting which are included in the committee minutes.

Trustee Jenkins moved to approve the faculty recommended for promotion.
Trustee Jenkins moved to approve the Graduate Certificate in Professional Education Research.

Trustee Jenkins moved to approve a Graduate Certificate in Data Science. The motion was seconded by Trustee Luck.

Conclusions	
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A voice vote was taken to adopt the committee minutes and passed unanimously.

A roll call vote was taken to approve those faculty recommended for tenure and passed unanimously with 9 trustees voting yes.

A roll call vote was taken to approve tenure for Dr. Prentice Chandler upon appointment and passed unanimously with 9 trustees voting yes.

A roll call vote was taken to approve the tenure policy and passed unanimously with 9 trustees voting yes.

A roll call vote was taken to approve those faculty recommended for promotion and passed unanimously with 9 trustees voting yes.

A roll call vote was taken to approve the Graduate Certificate in Professional Education Research and passed unanimously with 9 trustees voting yes.

A roll call vote was taken to approve the Graduate Certificate in Data Science and passed unanimously with 9 trustees voting yes.

Follow-up Items	Person	Deadline
N/A		

Audit Committee Report

Discussion	
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Trustee Cannata, Chair of the Audit Committee gave a report on the Audit Committee and moved to approve the committee minutes. Trustee Jenkins seconded the motion.

There were no items for the full Board to consider.

Conclusions	
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A voice vote was taken to approve the minutes and passed unanimously.

Follow-up Items	Person	Deadline
N/A		

Naming Rights – Club Level at Fortera Stadium

Discussion
<p>Derek van der Merwe, Vice President for Advancement, Communication and Strategic Initiatives, spoke with the Board regarding naming rights of the club level at Fortera Stadium to Echo Power Club level. Echo Power made a 10-year sponsoring agreement. Ryan Ivey, Athletic Director, stated that continuing efforts are being made to look for additional sponsorships. Trustee Atkins asked if Echo Power was a local company. Mr. van der Merwe stated that they were a regional company.</p> <p>Trustee Cannata moved to approve changing the name of the club level to Echo Power Club Level. The motion was seconded by Trustee Luck.</p>

Conclusions
<p>A voice vote was taken to name the club level of Fortera Stadium Echo Power Club level and passed unanimously.</p>

Follow-up Items	Person	Deadline
N/A		

Consideration of Contract for President Emeritus

Discussion
<p>President White provided information regarding Dr. Sherry Hoppe’s Emeritus contract. Dr. Hoppe’s contract was negotiated with TBR at her hire. Dr. Hoppe often travels on behalf of APSU to campus events as well as other locations for alumni events. She has formed many relationships with people and is a great benefit to and ambassador for the university.</p> <p>Trustee Atkins made a motion to approve Dr. Hoppe’s 2017-2018 contract. The motion was seconded by Trustee Jenkins.</p>

Conclusions

A voice vote was taken to approve Dr. Hoppe's 2017-2018 contact and passed unanimously.

Follow-up Items	Person	Deadline
N/A		

President's Report

Discussion

President White presented her President's report and asked V van der Merwe to speak about the strategic plan. The Board had previously received a copy of the strategic plan brochure in their board materials outlining the strategic plan process. Mr. van der Merwe explained the strategic plan and the planning process and the excited about APSU's brand positioning. He noted that APSU's diversity is one of our greatest assets and highlighted that the people of this institution define APSU's purpose. He closed by saying that strategic planning will be an ongoing process that will include input from the Board.

Carol Clark, Executive Assistant to the President for Community and Government Relations, shared information regarding six bills that have been passed in the legislature that directly impact our board. The first two require board action:

- 1) Immunization requirements for higher education institutions will now be the responsibility of the Board in consultation with the Department of Health.
- 2) Campus Free Speech ACT will be effective in January 2018 and will require rule promulgation to meet the requirements.

Four other bills included:

- 1) Strong Act Bill – this is a pilot program
- 2) VETS Act – will be effective July 1, 2017
- 3) TN reconnect bill which is similar to the TN Promise – effective 2018
- 4) Information Modification FOCUS ACT. There are still some steps that need to be taken before it becomes final.

Conclusions

There was no vote required on any of these items. Information only.

Follow-up Items	Person	Deadline
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N/A		
President's Interim Items		
Discussion		
<p>President White provided information to the Board regarding contracts over \$10,000 approved from January 1, 2017 thru April 30, 2017. Some of the contracts are competitive but others are not because they are sole source providers.</p>		
Conclusions		
<p>There was no vote required on this item. Information only.</p>		
Follow-up Items	Person	Deadline
N/A		
Organizational Chart		
Discussion		
<p>Mitch Robinson presented a review of the university's organizational chart. There were two changes made recently to the chart in the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs area. A title change for the Assistant Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs to Vice Provost and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. The second is the addition of a direct report, the Director of Extended and International Education.</p>		
Conclusions		
<p>There was no vote required on these items. Information only.</p>		
Follow-up Items	Person	Deadline
Trustee O'Malley asked if the organizational chart could have names printed instead of titles	Mitch	ASAP
Review of Amended Compensation Plan		
Discussion		

Mitch Robinson spoke to the Board regarding the Amended Compensation Plan. There were many concerns with the compensation plan used in the past. Since APSU can no longer depend on increasing the cost of tuition, enrollment growth or increases in state appropriations to fund salary increases. Therefore, future APSU hiring salaries and salary adjustments will be determined using the College or University and Professional Association (CUPA). APSU hopes to be able to get faculty and staff salaries up to an appropriate market value and will then move to a performance based plan.

Conclusions	
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There was no vote required on this item. Information only.

Follow-up Items	Person	Deadline
N/A		

Master Calendar of Board Items

Discussion	
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President White discussed the Master Calendar of Board items outlining which items will be discussed at each upcoming board meeting and who is responsible for them. Trustee Luck asked where the approval for a new committee fits in the master calendar. An ad hoc or standing committee can come up at any time. If something needs to be discussed that is not recurring business, it can be added on when needed.

Conclusions	
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There was no vote required on this item. Information only

Follow-up Items	Person	Deadline
N/A		

Miscellaneous

Discussion	
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Trustee O'Malley stated it is a privilege to serve on the board and thanked everyone who had a part in putting this meeting together. He made the motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Trustee Atkins.

Conclusions	
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A voice vote was taken and the meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Follow-up Items	Person	Deadline
N/A		



Signature

September 15, 2017

Date