



Academic Affairs			
6.4.20		1:30 p.m.	
		Technology Building Clarksville, TN 37040	
Meeting Type		Academic Affairs Committee Meeting	
Note Taker		Tammy Delvendahl	
Attendees			Present (Y/N)
		Brig. Gen. Robin Mealer, Chair	Y (Electronic)
		Ms. Abbey Hogan	Y (Electronic)
		Gen. Gary Luck	Y (Electronic)
		Dr. Valencia May	Y (Electronic)
		Dr. Mickey Wadia	Y (Electronic)
		Dr. Karen Meisch, ex-officio	Y
		Mr. Mike O'Malley, ex-officio	Y (Electronic)
		Dr. Alisa White, President	Y
		Dannelle Whiteside, Secretary to the Board	Y
Call to Order			
Discussion			
Trustee Mealer called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.			
Roll Call/Declaration of Quorum			
Discussion			
Trustee Hogan, Trustee Luck, Trustee May, Trustee Mealer, and Trustee Wadia participated by teleconference. As she called the roll, Ms. Dannelle Whiteside asked those participating by teleconference if they could hear clearly and if they could identify any persons present in the room with them. All trustees stated they could hear clearly. Trustees Hogan, Luck, May, and Mealer stated they were alone, and Trustee Wadia stated that another person was present in the room.			

After calling the roll, Ms. Whiteside did not detect a physical quorum present; however, a quorum existed by the inclusion of those members participating by electronic means. Ms. Whiteside stated that pursuant to Executive Order 19, enacted on March 20, 2020 and extended pursuant to Executive Order 34 enacted on May 6, 2020, this Board is able to hold its meeting by electronic means in the absence of a physical quorum with the necessity being to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Tennesseans in light of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Action Item A - Consideration of Tenure Appointments

Discussion

Trustee Mealer recognized Interim Provost Karen Meisch to provide information on tenure approval. A total of 3 faculty members were recommended for tenure after meeting all the requirements of the APSU policy on tenure. Dr. Meisch shared the list of faculty members with the Board.

Conclusions

Trustee May moved to approve the proposed action. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wadia. A roll call vote was taken and carried unanimously with 4 trustees voting yes.

Gary Luck:	Yes
Valencia May:	Yes
Robin Mealer:	Yes
Mickey Wadia:	Yes

Yes: 4, No: 0

Action Item B - Appeal Negative Tenure Decision for Dr. Neeta Bhasin

Discussion

Trustee Mealer recognized Ms. Dannelle Whiteside to provide information on the process for appealing denial of tenure and the standard of review the committee was charged with following. On March 19, 2020, the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees voted to grant Dr. Neeta Bhasin's petition for the right to appeal the negative 2019-2020 tenure decision. The documents related to the appeal were provided to the Board for prior review.

Conclusions

Trustee Mealer moved to recommend that the Board of Trustees affirm the negative 2019-2020 tenure decision for Dr. Neeta Bhasin. The motion was seconded by Trustee May. A roll call vote was taken and carried with one abstention.

Gary Luck:	Yes
Valencia May:	Yes
Robin Mealer:	Yes
Mickey Wadia:	Abstain (With Conflict)

Yes: 3, No: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

Action Item C - Tenure Upon Appointment-Dr. Kelly Kleinhans

Discussion

Trustee Mealer recognized Interim Provost Meisch to provide information on awarding tenure upon appointment to Dr. Kelly Kleinhans, Associate Professor and Program Director for the Master of Speech-Language Pathology, in the Department of Health and Human Performance, effective August 1, 2020. Dr. Kleinhans meets all of the requirements of the APSU policy on tenure for the Department of Health and Human Performance.

Conclusions

Trustee May moved to approve tenure upon appointment for Dr. Kelly Kleinhans. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wadia. A roll call vote was taken and carried unanimously with 4 trustees voting yes.

Gary Luck:	Yes
Valencia May:	Yes
Robin Mealer:	Yes
Mickey Wadia:	Yes

Yes: 4, No: 0

Action Item D - Tenure Upon Appointment-Dr. Emily Lean

Discussion

Trustee Mealer recognized Interim Provost Meisch to provide information on awarding tenure upon appointment at the rank of full professor to Dr. Emily Lean, the new Harper-Bourne Chair of Excellence and Director of Graduate Business Programs in the College of Business, effective August 1, 2020. Dr. Lean meets all of the requirements of the APSU policy on tenure in the Department of Management and Marketing.

Conclusions

Trustee Wadia moved to approve tenure upon appointment for Dr. Emily Lean. The motion was seconded by Trustee May. A roll call vote was taken and carried unanimously with 4 trustees voting yes.

Gary Luck:	Yes
Valencia May:	Yes
Robin Mealer:	Yes
Mickey Wadia:	Yes

Yes: 4, No: 0

Action Item E - Tenure Upon Appointment- Dr. Maria Cronley

Discussion

Trustee Mealer recognized Interim Provost Meisch to provide information on awarding tenure upon appointment at the rank of full professor for Dr. Maria Cronley, the new Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, effective July 6, 2020. Dr. Cronley meets all of the requirements of the APSU policy on tenure in the Department of Management and Marketing.

Conclusions

Trustee Wadia moved to approve tenure upon appointment for Dr. Maria Cronley. The motion was seconded by Trustee May. A roll call vote was taken and carried unanimously with 4 trustees voting yes.

Gary Luck:	Yes
Valencia May:	Yes
Robin Mealer:	Yes
Mickey Wadia:	Yes

Yes: 4, No: 0

Action Item F - Elevation of Applied Exercise Science Concentration to Stand-alone Major of B.S. Kinesiology with Concentrations in Exercise Science and Pre-professional

Discussion

Trustee Mealer recognized Interim Provost Meisch to provide information regarding the elevation of the existing Applied Exercise Science concentration within the B.S. in Health and Human Performance to a new major of B.S. in Kinesiology with two new concentrations. The existing B.S. Health and Human Performance program will be modified into two separate majors, 1) B.S. in Kinesiology with concentrations in Exercise Science and Pre-professional and 2) B.S. in Health and Human Performance with concentrations in Communication Sciences and Disorders, Health Care Management, Human Movement, K-12 Teaching, and Public Health. The proposed implementation of this proposal is Fall 2020.

Conclusions

Trustee May moved to approve the proposed elevation of existing Applied Exercise Science Concentration within the B.S. in Health and Human Performance to a new major of B.S. in Kinesiology with two new concentrations. The motion was seconded by Trustee Luck. A roll call vote was taken and carried unanimously with 4 trustees voting yes.

Gary Luck:	Yes
Valencia May:	Yes
Robin Mealer:	Yes
Mickey Wadia:	Yes

Yes: 4, No: 0

Action Item G - Change of Degree Designation-Bachelor of Science Radiologic Technology (BSRT) to Bachelor of Science Radiologic Science (BSRS)

Discussion

Trustee Mealer recognized Interim Provost Meisch to provide information regarding the Department of Allied Health Sciences proposal to change the degree designation of the undergraduate degree from Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Technology (BSRT) to Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Science (BSRS). This change is to be effective Fall 2020.

Conclusions

Trustee May moved to approve the proposed change of the degree designation from Bachelor of Science Radiologic Technology to Bachelor of Science Radiologic Science. The motion was seconded by Trustee Luck. A roll call vote was taken and carried unanimously with 4 trustees voting yes.

Gary Luck:	Yes
Valencia May:	Yes
Robin Mealer:	Yes
Mickey Wadia:	Yes

Yes: 4, No: 0

Action Item H - Revisions to Policy 2:010 Undergraduate and Graduate Academic Retention Standards

Discussion

Trustee Mealer recognized Interim Provost Meisch to provide information regarding revisions to APSU Policy 2:010 Undergraduate and Graduate Academic Retention

Standards. The revisions will honor Fresh Start for students who were previously granted a Fresh Start at one of the Tennessee Board of Regents Community Colleges or East Tennessee State University, Middle Tennessee State University, Tennessee State University, Tennessee Tech University and University of Memphis. These revisions will be effective Fall 2020.

Conclusions

Trustee Wadia moved to approve the proposed revisions to Policy 2:010 Undergraduate and Graduate Academic Retention Standards. The motion was seconded by Trustee May. A roll call vote was taken and carried unanimously with 4 trustees voting yes.

Gary Luck:	Yes
Valencia May:	Yes
Robin Mealer:	Yes
Mickey Wadia:	Yes

Yes: 4, No: 0

Information Item A - Update on Status of Master of Speech-Language Pathology

Discussion

Trustee Mealer recognized Interim Provost Meisch to provide information regarding an update on the Master of Speech-Language Pathology program. On May 15, 2020, the Tennessee Higher Education Commission approved APSU's proposal of the Master of Speech-Language Pathology (MSLP). This new degree will be implemented at APSU in Fall 2021.

Conclusions

This was an information item and required no action.

Information Item B - Preliminary Outcome of Recent SACSCOC Substantive Change Committee visit for New Off-campus Instructional Site-Creek Wood High School

Discussion

Trustee Mealer recognized Interim Provost Meisch to provide information regarding an update on the preliminary outcome of the recent SACSCOC substantive change committee visit for a new off-campus instructional site, Creek Wood High School. The visit was held February 18-20, 2020. The Substantive Change Committee issued no recommendations during its on-site visit. The visiting committee's report will be reviewed by a Committee on Compliance and Reports and a final decision will be made by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees at its summer meeting.

Conclusions	
This was an information item and required no action.	
Adjourn	
Conclusions	
Trustee Mealer moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Luck seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.	