



September Board Meeting		
9.14.2018		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	No
	Ms. Celeste Malone	Yes
	Dr. Valencia May	Yes
	Brig. Gen. Robin Mealer	Yes
	Mr. Mike O'Malley	Yes
	Dr. Nell Rayburn	Yes
	Dr. Alisa White, President	Yes
	Ms. Dannelle Whiteside, General Counsel and Board Secretary	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 there were items on the agenda to be adopted.		
Conclusions		
Trustee O'Malley moved for the adoption of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Jenkins. A voice vote was taken and passed unanimously with 8 trustees voting yes.		
Approval of Minutes		
Discussion		
Trustee O'Malley asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the June 8, 2018 Board meeting. There were none.		
Conclusions		

Trustee Atkins made a motion to approve the minutes for the June 8 meeting. Trustee Cannata seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and passed unanimously with 8 trustees voting yes.

### **Special Presentation**

Trustee O'Malley recognized President White to introduce Mr. Mike Krause, Executive Director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC). President White stated that Mr. Krause is an APSU graduate, a veteran, greatly involved in higher education and helped to create the FOCUS Act that set in place the creation of this Board.

Mr. Krause congratulated President White on the additions of General Ron Bailey and General Scott Brower to her leadership team.

Mr. Krause gave a brief history on what lead up to the Drive to 55 campaign. In 2013, Tennessee ranked 43<sup>rd</sup> in the nation for degree completion. The Tennessee Promise and Reconnect initiatives were created to help achieve the goal of at least 8,000 students obtaining a postsecondary credential. Currently, 32,000 students have signed up for the Reconnect initiative. At present, 64% of Tennessee students are attending college.

Tennessee is currently ranked 13<sup>th</sup> in the nation for investing in higher education. Mr. Krause challenged the Board to continue this momentum to support the importance of funding higher education. Since funding formula was changed to be based on student success outcomes, APSU has increased its funding by 28 percent. This is because of APSU's dedication to seeing students succeed by paying attention to the needs of the students. APSU's graduation rate and the success rate for low-income students have increased over the past several years.

Mr. Krause stated that the state is currently facing two challenges: attaining more college graduates in rural areas and increasing the success for low-income students. He asked the Board to think about how APSU could close these gaps so that more students receive the opportunity for higher education.

Mr. Krause introduced members of his team that were present: Betty Johnson-Dandridge, Lauren Collier, Julie Roberts and Corey Gheesling.

Dr. Collier spoke about a possible Higher Education Summit on risk assessment in August 2019. THEC is planning a board professional development session for all board members next year.

Trustee O'Malley thanked Mr. Krause for his presentation and invited him to come annually and speak to the Board.

## **Campus Spotlight**

Trustee O'Malley asked President White to introduce the guest speaker to provide the campus spotlight. President White introduced Dr. Chad Brooks, Associate Provost for Research and Dean of the College of Graduate Studies. President White commended Dr. Brooks and the efforts of his team for increasing APSU's graduate enrollment and research dollars.

Dr. Brooks introduced his team to the board: John Johnson, Kelly Pitts, Beth Hoilman, and Thomas Stuckey. He explained the directives of the Office of Sponsored Research and Programs. The office helps faculty and staff find grant opportunities. APSU received \$6,588,955 in external funding in 2017-18, the highest in the school's history. Of the grants submitted in 2017-18, 82 percent were funded.

Dr. Brooks stated that more than 300 students participated in research and scholarly experiences in 2017-18, which has a tremendous scholarly impact on the students. Over 2,000 high school and veteran students received college preparatory support from three major APSU grants.

Trustee Malone stated that she was a part of one of these research seminars and thanked Dr. Brooks for being able to be a part of the experience.

## **Governor Bill Haslam**

Trustee O'Malley introduced Governor Bill Haslam and thanked him for his commitment to higher education in Tennessee, specifically to Austin Peay.

Governor Haslam thanked the members of the Board for their dedication to serve and asked for reflections on their experience since their appointments. Trustee Atkins stated that it has been a wonderful learning experience and the structure allows the Board to quickly address issues as they arise. Trustee O'Malley stated that the Campus Spotlight portion has been very helpful to understanding the various areas on campus. Trustee Jenkins stated that his participation on the Board gives him insight about APSU in a way that allows him to showcase the university to community people, potential donors, and businesses that are looking to locate in the area. Trustee Cannata stated that she appreciated the diversity of opinions of the Board and getting to know President White. President White stated that Austin Peay has a very strong Board and appreciates their support.

Governor Haslam challenged the Board to continue to find ways to produce great students into the workforce, which he believes has incredible potential to increase economic development in Tennessee. Trustee O'Malley thanked Governor Haslam for his commitment to higher education.

## Academic Policies and Programs/Student Life Committee Report

### Discussion

Trustee Jenkins reported on the actions of the Academic Policies and Programs/Student Life Committee at the September 13 meeting.

Trustee Jenkins stated that the committee reviewed the following information items: the status of the SACSCOC level change and information on the unduplicated enrollment, degree and certificate awards, and program productivity.

Trustee Jenkins stated that the committee reviewed and approved the following action items: change in degree designation for Master of Professional Studies and Bachelor of Professional Studies and the Student Conduct and Disciplinary Sanctions Rule.

Trustee Jenkins stated that the committee voted to postpone the vote on Dr. Robert Halliman's petition for the right to appeal the promotion decision.

### Conclusions

Trustee Jenkins moved that the Board approve the minutes for the September 13 meeting. Trustee Atkins seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and passed with 8 trustees voting yes.

Trustee Jenkins made a motion that the Board approve the change in degree designation for Master of Professional Studies and Bachelor of Professional Studies as written. A voice vote was taken and passed with 8 trustees voting yes.

Trustee Jenkins made a motion that the Board approve the Student Conduct and Disciplinary Sanctions Rule as written. A roll call vote was taken with 8 trustees voting yes. Trustee Rayburn noted the changes were due to requirements of legislative action.

## Audit Committee Report

### Discussion

Trustee Cannata stated that the Audit Committee approved the salaries and budget of the Office of Internal Affairs for fiscal year 2019 and the fiscal year 2019 Internal Audit Plan at the September 13 meeting. The committee listened to presentations on the following informational items: Office of Internal Audit's fiscal year 2018 Year End Report, internal audit reports issued between May 12, 2018 and August 20, 2018, along with a list of outstanding audit recommendations, and an update on the recent quality assessment review.

### Conclusions

Trustee Atkins moved that the Board approve the minutes for the September 13 meeting. Trustee Jenkins seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and passed with 8 trustees voting yes.

<b>Business and Finance Committee Report</b>	
Discussion	
Trustee Atkins reported on the actions of the Business and Finance Committee at the September 13 meeting. The action items the committee reviewed and approved were as follows: out-of-state tuition rate, consideration of improvements to the Charles C. Hand Baseball Facilities and consideration of improvements for the Military Family Resource Center.	
Conclusions	
Trustee Atkins moved that the Board approve the minutes for the September 13 meeting. Trustee Cannata seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and passed with 8 trustees voting yes.	
Trustee Atkins moved that the Board approve the out-of-state tuition rate as written. A voice vote was taken and passed with 8 voting yes.	
Trustee Atkins moved that the Board approve the improvements to the Charles C. Hand baseball facilities as written. A voice vote was taken and passed with 8 trustees voting yes.	
Trustee Atkins moved that the Board approve the improvements for the Military Family Resource Center as written. A voice vote was taken and passed with 8 trustees voting yes.	
<b>Executive Committee</b>	
Discussion	
Trustee O'Malley reported on the action of the Executive Committee at the September 13 meeting. The committee reviewed and approved the instrument that the Board will use to evaluate itself, which is required by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. The Board Secretary will send the Board the evaluation instrument to complete, compile its findings, and prepare a report for the Board to discuss at the November meeting.	
Conclusions	
Trustee O'Malley moved that the Board approve the minutes of the September 13 meeting. Trustee Mealer seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and passed with 8 trustees voting yes.	
<b>Adoption of Meeting Calendar for 2019</b>	
Discussion	
Trustee O'Malley proposed the calendar of meeting dates for 2019. The proposed dates are as follows: March 14-15, June 6-7, September 19-20 and November 21-22.	
Conclusions	

Trustee O'Malley moved that the Board approve the proposed meeting calendar for 2019. Trustee Mealer seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and passed with 8 trustees voting yes.

### **Consideration of Contract for President Emeritus**

Discussion

Trustee O'Malley recognized President White, who provided background information on the contract for President Emeritus Sherry Hoppe.

Conclusions

Trustee Jenkins made the motion to approve Dr. Hoppe's contract for 2018-19. Trustee Atkins seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and passed with 8 trustees voting yes.

### **Ohio Valley Conference Governing Board Certification**

Discussion

Trustee O'Malley recognized President White, who provided background on the Certification for the OVC Governing Board.

Conclusions

Trustee Atkins made the motion to approve the OVC Governing Board Certification. Trustee Cannata seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and passed with 8 trustees voting yes.

### **Approval of Tennessee Open Records Rule**

Discussion

Trustee O'Malley recognized Board Secretary Whiteside, who provided a description of the Tennessee Open Records Rule.

Conclusions

Trustee O'Malley made the motion to approve the Tennessee Open Records Rule. Trustee Rayburn seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed with 8 trustees voting yes.

### **President's Report and Report on Interim Items**

Discussion

Trustee O'Malley recognized President White to give her report to the Board.

President White introduced the new members of her leadership team: General Ronald Bailey, Vice President for External Affairs; Mr. Gerald Harrison, Director of Athletics; and Brigadier General Scott Brower, Military Adviser in Residence. She stated that all are proven leaders and is grateful for their vision for the future.

Austin Peay's first doctoral program – the Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership began this fall with 20 students in the first cohort with additional

students being added in subsequent years. Eight new certificate programs also began this fall.

The Advancement and Alumni Relations team raised \$9.85 million in gifts and pledges last fiscal year. The Gobs Give campaign raised more than \$170,000 from 400 donors in 72 hours. In the past two years, this campaign has added 250 new donors.

The Public Relations and Marketing team created a new website to better serve our prospective students. Since going live, there has been more than 1 million new visitors and 28.3 million page views. The new web design has won several awards.

The faculty, staff and students continue to represent Austin Peay positively. NASA honored APSU for the help during the 2017 Great American Eclipse. APSU's athletics department is another area leading very visibly. The Athletics Department has seen a 43 percent increase in Gobs Club membership and a 20 percent increase in ticket sales since last year. APSU's athletes posted back-to-back semesters of department-wide 3.0 GPAs. The Department of Computer Science and Information Technology collaborated with Google this summer to offer coding camps to more than 200 high school and first year college students.

The State Building Commission approved the Master Plan in June. The Ann Ross bookstore will be located in former Ford building. Renovation of the building is expected to be completed sometime next year.

APSU's enrollment continues to grow. Thirty gap scholarships were offered this fall to incoming freshmen with low expected family contribution (EFC) who still had a financial gap between the amount of money owed and the amount of aid received. Learning communities for high-risk students, a free online tutoring service called Tutor.com, and in person tutoring to all of our students were offered.

In the last three years, APSU's student headcount increased 4.3 percent, and \$10 million in salary increases were added for APSU's employees. In the last five years, APSU has seen a 2.7 increase in graduation rate, and state appropriations have increased 35 percent.

President White commended faculty and staff for their work, professionalism, and commitment to student success.

Conclusions	
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Trustee O'Malley thanked President White for her report.

**Adjournment**

Discussion	
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<p>Trustee O'Malley reminded the Board that the next regularly scheduled meeting will be November 29 and 30, 2018 and moved that the meeting be adjourned. Trustee Carroll seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and passed with 8 trustees voting yes. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.</p>	
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*Michael P. O'Malley*