



Academic Policies & Programs/Student Life Committee		
9-14-17	1:30 pm	317 College Street, Clarksville, TN
Meeting Type	Academic Policies & Programs/Student Life Committee	
Note taker	Lisa Phelps	
Attendees	Mr. Don Jenkins Chair	Present
	Gen. Gary Luck	Absent
	Dr. Valencia May	Present
	Brig. Gen. Robin Mealer	Present
	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
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 called for a motion to adopt today's agenda. Trustee Rayburn made a motion and Trustee May seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The agenda was adopted.		
BS Aviation (Rotor Wing) Approval		
Discussion		
Trustee Jenkins recognized Dr. Rex Gandy to present information regarding the proposed B.S. in Aviation Science with a concentration in Rotor Wing program with a proposed implementation date of Fall 2018.		
Dr. Gandy advised the degree will be housed in the College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics and the department of Engineering Technology. The purpose of this program is to prepare students to enter the workforce as helicopter pilots with the additional benefit of earning a college degree in aviation science. Currently, no other public institutions in the State of Tennessee offer a		

degree leading to a helicopter pilot license. The cost of the program will be covered by tuition. If the Board approves this proposed degree, it will move on to THEC for its approval in November.

Conclusions

A motion was made by Trustee Rayburn to approve the proposed B.S. in Aviation Science with a concentration in Rotor Wing degree. The motion was seconded by Trustee May. Trustee Jenkins called for a vote on the motion to approve the proposed B.S. in Aviation Science with a concentration in Rotor Wing and all Committee members approved. The motion carries.

Follow-up Items	Person	Deadline

Tenure Upon Appointment-Dr. Scott Culhane

Discussion

Trustee Jenkins recognized Dr. Rex Gandy to present information regarding the recommendation to award tenure upon appointment to Dr. Scott Culhane, Chair, Department of Criminal Justice, who began employment on September 1, 2017.

Dr. Gandy explained that a nation-wide search was conducted for the Chair following a reorganization of the Criminal Justice Department. Dr. Culhane’s education, as well as teaching, scholarship and service experience meet the tenure criteria of the department. Dr. Culhane was the number one choice for this position. Dr. Gandy concluded by recommending that the Board approve tenure upon hire for Dr. Culhane.

A motion was made by Trustee Rayburn to approve tenure upon appointment for Dr. Scott Culhane as written. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mealer.

Trustee Wallenius requested clarification on what protections are in place for Dr. Culhane if the Board does not grant tenure upon hire. Dr. Gandy advised that often professors will take a leave of absence from their previous institution as insurance to return to that institution if they are not granted tenure at the new institution.

Trustee Rayburn shared that if the Board elected not to approve tenure upon hire, Dr. Culhane would still be employed by APSU and could opt to go through APSU’s existing tenure process.

Conclusions		
<p>A motion was made by Trustee Rayburn to approve tenure upon appointment for Dr. Scott Culhane as written. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mealer. Trustees voted unanimously to approve the appointment for Dr. Scott Culhane as written.</p>		
Follow-up Items	Person	Deadline
Promotion Appeal-Dr. Robert Halliman		
Discussion		
<p>Trustee Jenkins recognized Dr. Rex Gandy to present information regarding the promotion policy and the appeal process.</p> <p>Dr. Gandy stated that APSU's Policy 1:010 creates the right to petition for permission to appeal and the petitioner for appeal must present compelling evidence that President White's decision was erroneous. Dr. Halliman sought promotion during the 2016-17 academic year. President White considered recommendations during the process, examined all the facts of the case and denied Dr. Halliman's request for promotion. Dr. Halliman is requesting the right to petition for appeal. Dr. Gandy explained that the University's opinion was that Dr. Halliman's request to appeal should be denied.</p> <p>Trustee Jenkins moved to deny Dr. Robert Halliman's right to appeal the promotion decision. The motion was seconded by Trustee May.</p> <p>Trustee Mealer requested information on the next steps. General Counsel Dannelle Whiteside advised that the agenda item will be presented before the full Board during Friday's meeting. Trustee O'Malley inquired if it is typical to apply for promotion within academia. Dr. Gandy explained the promotion process. Trustee Rayburn advised that dossier accomplishments are considered within the promotion process.</p>		
Conclusions		
<p>Trustee Jenkins moved to deny Dr. Robert Halliman's right to appeal the promotion decision. The motion was seconded by Trustee May. Trustee Jenkins called for a vote to deny Dr. Robert Halliman's right to appeal the promotion decision. Trustees Jenkins, May and Mealer voted to deny; Trustee Rayburn elected to recuse herself from voting on this matter because her husband is Chair and Dr. Halliman's direct supervisor. The motion carried.</p>		
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Information Item: Letter of Notification for proposed program-Master of Fine Arts in Studio Arts

Discussion

Trustee Jenkins recognized Dr. Rex Gandy to present information regarding the University's previous Letter of Notification to establish a Master of Fine Arts in Studio Arts degree program.

A low-residency Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Studio Art program will be offered as a hybrid distance/on campus program with a proposed implementation date of Fall 2019. Upon approval of the program, the degree will be the only MFA in Studio Art available in Middle Tennessee and the only low-residency program in the region. This degree program supports our strategic plan and goal to grow graduate enrollments. There is also a new facility to house the degree.

Conclusions

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

Information Item: Low-Producing Program Report

Discussion

Trustee Jenkins recognized Dr. Rex Gandy to present information regarding the Low-Producing Program report.

THEC prepares a Program Productivity Report every three years which provides a depiction of productivity performance for all mature programs that have not met the expected benchmark of producing graduates on average for the past five years. Of all the mature programs at APSU, only Philosophy and Religion B.S./B.A. and Professional Studies B.S. have not met the expected benchmarks.

APSU has terminated the Professional Studies B.S. program. However, existing students in the Professional Studies B.S. program are allowed to finish. The Philosophy and Religion B.S./B.A will be retained. Since adding the religion component to this program, enrollments have increased. It is a low-cost program to offer; there is no benefit to terminating it.

Trustee Rayburn shared that some of the courses within the major also fulfill requirements for other majors as well.

Conclusions

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

Information Item: Ed.D Program/Level Change Approval

Discussion

Trustee Jenkins recognized Dr. Rex Gandy to present information regarding the proposed Ed.D. in Education Leadership program which would also require seeking SACSCOC approval of a Level Change to offer the University's first doctoral program.

Dr. Gandy advised that THEC considered our degree program approval and they had the option to approve, deny or defer our request. They chose to defer our request and would like additional information. A feasibility study will be conducted in October then submitted to THEC staff for approval in November. The University plans to submit the request for approval to offer the new degree at the Winter Board meeting.

Conclusions

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

Adjournment

Trustee Jenkins moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Rayburn seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m.