

University Council
Monday, June 12, 2023
East Tennessee Room

1. Call to Order

Provost Kimberly McCorkle called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Fred Sauceman led the roll call. Members present were: Dr. Ginni Blackhart, Dr. Joe Bidwell, Dr. Cheri Clavier, Dr. Joel Faidley, Ms. Joy Fulkerson, Ms. Christy Graham, Dr. Adam Green, Dr. Lisa Haddad, Dr. Nick Hagemeyer, Mr. Steven Hendrix, Dr. Mike Hoff, Dr. Karen King, Ms. Candy Massey, Dr. Sam Mayhew, Dr. Kimberly McCorkle, Dr. Rob Pack, Ms. Pam Ritter, Dr. Janna Scarborough (via Zoom), and Dr. Joe Sherlin.

3. Standing Items

3.1 Approve minutes of the April 10, 2023, meeting

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2023, meeting. The motion was seconded; the minutes were approved.

3.2 Review agenda

There were no changes to the agenda other than the elimination of the President's Report, since President Noland is traveling abroad with a group of students.

3.3 Consent agenda items

A motion was made to approve updates to the five policy items listed below as presented. The motion was seconded and approved.

- 3.3.1. General Purchasing Policy
- 3.3.2. Hazardous Energy Control (Lockout/Tagout)
- 3.3.3. Acceptable Use of Information Technology Resources
- 3.3.4. Building Access Control Policy
- 3.3.5. Fire Protection and Life Safety Policy

3.4 Call for Voluntary Reports of UC-Essential Action Items from Governance Organizations

Faculty Senate: Dr. Ginni Blackhart reported that the Faculty Senate is continuing to work on revisions to the Faculty Handbook and that planning is continuing for the senate's August 22 retreat.

Council of Chairs: Dr. Lisa Haddad reported that the Council of Chairs has not met since the last University Council meeting. She also indicated that the Council of Chairs will be undergoing some membership changes.

Staff Senate: Ms. Joy Fulkerson reported that the Staff Senate hosted a successful social and end-of-year celebration. She added that plans are underway for next year's event. A call for nominations for Staff Senate seats will be sent out soon, in preparation for the next election cycle. Officers will be elected in August. Ms. Fulkerson told the council that some senators had expressed concerns about the impact of the change in the payroll system and that the issue will be explored during the next meeting of the Staff Senate, in consultation with Human Resources.

Student Government Association: Dr. Joe Sherlin reminded the council that SGA is in the midst of a leadership transition, after Mason Mosier's two-year term as President. Dr. Sherlin indicated that the new officers are Trent White, President; Brooke Patterson, Executive Vice President; and Skylar Brackett, Vice President for Finance and Administration.

Information Technology Council: Dr. Karen King reported that the Information Technology Council did not meet in June but is scheduled to meet in July. She said that the conversion to Oracle is progressing well and that the last testing cycle is about to begin. Training will start in August.

3.5 Sub-Council Reports

Budget and Strategic Planning Committee: Ms. Christy Graham, Chief Financial Officer, reported that the Budget and Strategic Planning Committee joined President Noland and the ETSU leadership team to take part in the recent central administration budget hearings, with participation from all units across the campus. She emphasized, as was pointed out during the budget hearings, that since the amount of new money the university will receive for the upcoming fiscal year will be very limited, any new initiatives recommended to the president would require funding through reallocations or through new revenue sources.

4. Action Items

4.1 Old Business

There was no old business to come before the council.

4.2 New Business

There was no new business to come before the council.

5. Information Items/Presentations

There were no information items or presentations.

6. President's Report

Because President Noland was traveling internationally with a group of ETSU students, there was no President's Report.

7. Announcements

Dr. Adam Green reported that the Office of University Marketing and Communications won several awards this spring through the annual competition held by the Tennessee College Public Relations Association.

Dr. Nick Hagemeyer reported that the Academic Structure Task Force is continuing its work and that the group anticipates a busy fall semester. He added that the university's research mentorship program will be announced in a few days.

Dr. Sam Mayhew reported on a very successful orientation program that was held last week for new students, with over 500 attending, and he announced that a freshman orientation session is scheduled for June 15.

8. Adjournment

Provost McCorkle adjourned the meeting at 8:44 a.m.