

University Council
Monday, March 13, 2023
East Tennessee Room

1. Call to Order

Provost Kimberly McCorkle called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Melissa Nipper led the roll call. Members present were Dr. Joe Bidwell, Dr. Cheri Clavier, Dr. Joel Faidley, Ms. Joy Fulkerson, Dr. Adam Green, Dr. Lisa Haddad, Dr. Nick Hagemeyer, Mr. Stephen Hendrix, Dr. Leann Horsley, Dr. Karen King, Ms. Candy Massey, Dr. Sam Mayhew, Dr. Kimberly McCorkle, Dr. Tony Pittarese, Mr. Jeremy Ross, Ms. Pam Ritter, Dr. Richard Sander, Dr. Joe Sherlin, and Ms. Jessica Vodden.

3. Standing Items

3.1 Approve minutes from the February 13, 2023, meeting

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2023, meeting. The motion was seconded; the minutes were approved.

3.2 Review agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

3.3 Consent agenda items

A motion was made to approve the three items on the consent agenda (listed below). The motion was seconded and approved.

3.3.1 Compressed Gas Cylinder Safety Policy

3.3.2 Refrigerant Management Policy

3.3.3 ERP Backup Policy

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

Faculty Senate: Mr. Stephen Hendrix reported that the Faculty Senate was holding an election for the Faculty Trustee that will conclude at the end of April. He also noted that they are conducting internal elections for senators and leadership for the upcoming year. Finally, the Faculty Senate is working with Dr. Karin Keith and the Office of the Provost on policy updates.

Council of Chairs: Dr. Lisa Haddad reported that the Council is continuing its work on the handbook and website revisions and will ask for feedback on those in the next month. They are also working on a dedicated email address so that people will have easier contact with the Council. Lastly, they are formalizing the mentor/mentee process for new chairs.

Staff Senate: Ms. Joy Fulkerson reported that Staff Senate is working on communication pieces, website updates, and plans for increasing visibility for Staff Senate on campus. She reported that an internal Staff Concerns Committee is meeting and responding to staff issues that have been received. She also announced that there would be a staff social/staff awards program on May 16.

Athletics: Dr. Richard Sander addressed the recently announced change in the Men's Basketball head coach position, noting that they were currently in the process of identifying candidates and beginning the search for a new coach immediately. He also announced that they were making progress in the search for a new Volleyball coach. Finally, he noted that the Women's Basketball Team received an invitation to the Women's Basketball Invitational, which is an eight-team tournament in Lexington, Kentucky.

3.5 Sub-Council Reports

University Governance Organizations: Mr. Stephen Hendrix reported that they are beginning the process of reviewing all of the committees that report into the sub-council in order to review the rosters for membership to determine what committees need in terms of representation. This process should be completed within the next week and the next step will be sending notifications of vacancy to the campus. The goal is to have the committees staffed by the end of the semester. He also mentioned that a call would go out to all committees across campus asking them to complete an annual report, which is archived through Sherrod Library. Finally, the University Sub-Council for University Governance will meet next week to discuss procedures related to how students are selected to serve on various committees.

4. Action Items

4.1 Old Business

There were no old business items to discuss.

4.2 New Business

There were no new business items to discuss.

5. Information Items/Presentations

5.1 SACSCOC on-site reaffirmation visit

Dr. Cheri Clavier provided an overview of what to expect during the SACSCOC reaffirmation visit to ETSU, scheduled for April 3-6, 2023.

6. President's Report

Since President Noland was attending a hearing in Nashville, he was unable to join the meeting to present a report.

7. Announcements

Ms. Pam Ritter reminded the Council that April 18 is the annual Day of Giving.

Dr. Sam Mayhew mentioned that there are two Admissions Open Houses coming up: March 25 and April 15.

8. Adjournment

Provost McCorkle adjourned the meeting at 9:09 a.m.