

University Council
Monday, February 14, 2022
Meeting conducted via Zoom

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Mr. Joe Smith led the roll call. Members present were Mr. David Atkins, Dr. Bill Block, Mr. Scott Carter, Dr. Cheri Clavier, Dr. Susan Epps, Ms. Joy Fulkerson, Dr. Mark Fulks, Dr. Adam Green, Dr. Lisa Haddad, Dr. Nick Hagemeyer, Mr. Stephen Hendrix, Dr. Michael Hoff, Mr. Anthony Johnson, Dr. Keith Johnson, Dr. Karin Keith, Dr. B.J. King, Dr. Karen King, Dr. Sam Mayhew, Dr. Kimberly McCorkle, Mr. Mason Mosier, Dr. Brian Noland, Ms. Pam Ritter, Dr. Don Samples, Dr. Janna Scarborough, Dr. Joe Sherlin, Dr. Jeff Snodgrass, Ms. Jessica Vodden

3. Standing Items

3.1. Approval of minutes of the January 10, 2022 meeting

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

3.2. Review agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

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

Faculty Senate: President Hendrix announced a motion was on the floor to discuss an ETSU ombudsman. The senate is preparing for elections for senators and for officers for the upcoming year.

Staff Senate: President Fulkerson expressed appreciation to Lori Erickson for the conversations she has had with Staff Senate. The recent Town Hall was very successful with an attendance of nearly 150 online or in-person participants. A Town Hall with President Noland is planned for the following week, and future Town Hall event topics may include the Committee for 125 Chapter 2 and the new ERP. Other announcements include plans to return the Staff Senate Picnic to the May time frame, and that collaborative conversations with Faculty Senate regarding the ombudsman are taking place.

Council of Chairs: Chairperson Keith reported on step-down policy for departmental chairs that is in development. The council hopes to create a chair's handbook later in the fall.

Athletics: Director Carter announced that baseball and women's golf seasons will begin soon. He is also very proud of the work that is being done with the SGA to host the Miranda Lambert concert.

SGA: President Mosier reported on successful work that is being done to plan for the Miranda Lambert concert and the upcoming Civility Week.

Information Technology Council: Dr. Karen King stated that the institution is moving ahead with the new ERP system. She will be meeting with Faculty Senate and Staff Senate to outline what the process looks like. The initial focus is on HR/Finance systems, and then work will shift to focus on the student module. Dr. King will provide further details at an upcoming University Council meeting.

3.4. Sub-Council Reports – Budget and Strategic Planning Committee

Prior to her budget update, Dr. B.J. King announced that the institution is progressing toward having a contract in place for a consultant to review our budget model. She hopes to have this in place by the end of February.

Highlights of her budget update:

- For E&G revenues (which primarily includes tuition and fees and state appropriations), the main campus had a tuition increase but enrollment was down. Medicine and Family Medicine reported an increase from resident participation agreement receipts and also had additional funding from the state. Pharmacy had a decrease as a result of enrollment being down.
- For revenue sources, enrollment was down on main campus and Gatton College of Pharmacy. With Grants and Contracts, increases were driven by startup money for the BlueSky Institute and from an in-kind gift for engineering. Revenues for Athletics are up over \$1 million. Interest income is up, as are incomes from campus activities.
- With expenditures, the main campus is flat. This has been affected by the retirement incentive program which has produced savings for the main campus and for the College of Medicine where expenditures are also down. Pharmacy has reduced its expenditures.
- Salary and benefits are up.
- Operational expenditures are up across campus, including expenditures for student activities, student services, and physical plant.
- Equipment is flat; the in-kind gift for the engineering program is reported as revenue and as an expenditure.
- Net transfers are negative due to transfer-ins of HEERF funds.
- With Auxiliaries and Restricted Funds, unrestricted is up slightly. Food services/meal plans are the highest ever, and housing occupancy has increased.
- Additional HEERF funds will be released to students very soon.
- ETSU received \$10 million in institutional HEERF money.

Overall, Dr. King feels the institution is in fairly good shape as we move into the third quarter.

4. Action Items

4.1. Old Business

There were no old business items to discuss.

4.2. New Business

4.2.1. Proposal to add a representative from Office of Equity and Inclusion to Quality and Effectiveness Sub-Council

Dr. Cheri Clavier reported on the need to have a representative from Equity and Inclusion on the Quality and Effectiveness Sub-Council. This is especially important for work related to THEC's quality assurance funding standard for student equity. A motion was made and seconded to approve the addition to the sub-council's membership. Dr. Clavier indicated the role would likely be filled by Dr. Chassidy Cooper.

5. Information Items/Presentations

5.1. Draft 125 Chapter II Report

Dr. Mike Hoff announced that he and Dr. Noland would lead a discussion with the Board of Trustees on Friday, February 18 regarding the report for the Committee for 125 Chapter Two. He and Dr. Noland will continue to engage with groups on campus and will bring the presentation back to University Council in March and then to the board in April for final approval.

5.2. Projected timelines of capital projects

Laura Bailey reported on construction projects that were included in the Governor's proposed budget. These include:

Integrated Health Services (\$43.9 million): Planning will take approximately 12 months, with construction expected to begin in summer/fall 2023. This building will be located in Innovation Park.

Academic Building: Planning dollars were made available in the current budget, and the new budget has \$62.5 million for construction of the building. Demolition of the current Campus Center Building could take place in fall 2023.

Brown Hall-North renovation: \$47.7 million for renovation of the north side of Brown Hall was included in the budget. Design work will begin in July, and it will be 18 months before the project could begin.

Lamb Hall construction continues and is expected to be done during the upcoming winter break.

Ms. Bailey noted that Facilities will work with offices/departments to coordinate the relocation of services.

6. President's Report

Highlights of President Noland's report:

The Governor's budget includes nearly \$2 billion in new investments in higher education to fund research, technical education programs, health sciences and medical education programs, college access, new facilities, and campus upgrades. Other items in the budget include:

- Tennessee HOPE is expected to receive an increase of \$88.6 million.
- \$90 million is included for the THEC outcomes formula.
- \$47.5 million is included for salary increases.
- These investments in capital are the largest one-time investments in the state's history
- \$7.5 million is available in deferred maintenance
- Replacement of transmitter tower for WETS-FM
- \$1 million in recurring dollars for the Center of Excellence in Nursing
- \$19 million investment to upgrade existing ERP system
- Funding to support operating increases for the Quillen College of Medicine, and \$18.6 million for expansion of GME funding.

Dr. Noland anticipates that the legislature will be addressing issues in K-12 and on topics related to equity and inclusion. Funding for the Gatton College of Pharmacy will also be discussed.

Application numbers are trending positively for the fall 2022 semester.

Significant discussion will take place at Friday's Board of Trustees meeting regarding the Committee for 125 Chapter 2 report. The action agenda from the report will likely include funding formula review, operational/efficiencies review, equity and inclusion initiatives, housing/infrastructure upgrades, Huron online study, and ERP implementation.

7. Announcements

Dr. Sam Mayhew reported on upcoming open house events being hosted by Admissions.

Ms. Fulkerson reminded members that nominations are being accepted for the Love Award.

Dr. Mayhew reported on the hiring of the New Student and Family Programs director.

8. Adjournment

Provost McCorkle adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.