

**MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, STUDENT LIFE, AND ATHLETICS COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

The Academic Affairs, Student Life, and Athletics Committee met on September 4, 2019, in the Miller Education Center Meeting Room at Middle Tennessee State University.

Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Committee Chair Pam Wright called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and gave welcoming remarks. She thanked and congratulated the University for achieving recognition recently from the Princeton Review.

Roll Call

The following Committee members were in attendance: J.B. Baker, Joey Jacobs, Mary Martin, Steve Smith, Pam Wright, Samantha Eisenberg, Keith Huber, and Chris Massaro. Pete DeLay was unable to attend. A quorum was declared present.

President Sidney A. McPhee; Mark Byrnes, University Provost; Alan Thomas, Vice President for Business and Finance; Joe Bales, Vice President for University Advancement; Andrew Oppmann, Vice President for Marketing and Communications; Bruce Petryshak, Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer; Deb Sells, Vice President for Student Affairs and Vice Provost for Enrollment and Academic Services; Heidi Zimmerman, University Counsel and Board Secretary; and, Kim Edgar, Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff were also in attendance.

Approval of Minutes - Action

The first agenda item was approval of the minutes from the May 29, 2019 Academic Affairs, Student Life, and Athletics Committee meeting. Trustee Baker moved to approve the minutes

from the May 29, 2019 meeting and Trustee Martin seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion to approve the minutes from the May 29, 2019 meeting of the Academic Affairs, Student Life, and Athletics Committee carried.

Approval of New Academic Degree Program - Action

The next action item was approval of a Bachelor of Science in Data Science.

This program prepares individuals to design and manage the construction of databases and related software programs and applications, including the linking of individual data sets to create complex searchable databases and the use of analytical search tools.

A motion was made by Trustee Smith to approve the Bachelor of Science in Data Science. Trustee Martin seconded the motion.

A voice vote was taken and the motion to approve the Bachelor of Science in Data Science carried unanimously.

Approval of Policy Revision - Action

Policy 501 Residency Classification

Vice President Sells told the Committee that a singular change was made to align with recent legislation requiring universities to classify the spouse or dependent child of a service member as in-state for tuition purposes if the service member is transferred out-of-state on military orders.

Specific criteria are enumerated, including that the spouse or dependent had been accepted to the university; that he/she was initially classified as in-state prior to the transfer out-of-state; that he/she enrolled during the term initially accepted; and that he/she maintains continuous enrollment.

Chairman Smith asked about the possibility of online textbooks and requested a report at the next meeting of the Committee.

A motion was made by Trustee Baker to approve the revision to Policy 501 Residency Classification. Trustee Martin seconded the motion.

A voice vote was taken and the motion to approve the policy revision to 501, Residency Classification, carried unanimously.

Athletics Update - Information

Chris Massaro provided statistics on the academic and competitive accomplishments of student athletes as well as ticket sales and marketing initiatives. He also gave an update on the 2019 Summer Committee's work on the policy on conduct and risk management for athletics staff; the statement on conduct for athletics staff; and student-athlete dispute resolution process. These proposals have been submitted to the President for consideration.

Closing Remarks

Trustee Wright reminded the Committee to send any future agenda items to her or Provost Byrnes.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Academic Affairs, Student Life, and Athletics Committee