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Academic & Student Affairs Committee

March 11, 2021

Roaden University Center, Room 282

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AGENDA

- I.** Call to Order and Roll Call
- II.** Approval of Minutes
- III.** SACSCOC Update
- IV.** Progress on Strategic Plan Initiatives
- V.** Ethnic Diversity Enrollment
- VI.** Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) Update
- VII.** Other Business
- VIII.** Adjourn



**Board of Trustees
Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting
December 1, 2020
Roaden University Center, Room 282**

MINUTES

AGENDA ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee met on December 1, 2020, in Roaden University Center, Room 282. Chair Rose called the meeting to order at 8:53 a.m.

Chair Rose asked Lee Wray, Secretary, to call the roll. The following members were present:

- Daniel Hines
- Rhedona Rose
- Trudy Harper

In Trustee Wilmore’s absence, Ms. Harper, as Chair of the Board, served as an ex officio voting member of the Academic & Student Affairs Committee today.

Trustee Fred Lowery participated remotely. He confirmed he could simultaneously hear and speak to the Board members, he received the Board materials in advance of the meeting, and he was the only person present in the location from which he was calling.

Tennessee Tech faculty, staff, and members of the public were also in attendance.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Rose asked if there were any recommendations or changes to the minutes. With no recommendations or changes, Trustee Lowery moved to approve the minutes from September 29, 2020. Trustee Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – PROVOST’S REPORT

Provost Bruce provided an update on how Academic Affairs was progressing, gaining experience, and using lessons learned to help plan for the upcoming spring semester, with student success as

the ultimate goal. Provost Bruce mentioned challenges in infrastructure, instructional preparedness, financial restraints, and student success. She went on to discuss how qualitative and quantitative data was collected from faculty and students to determine the best way to address those challenges.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – UPDATE ON NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Provost Bruce updated the Committee on recently approved New Academic Programs and where they each were in the process. She highlighted the Master of Accountancy program, the Doctorate of Nursing Practice, the PhD in Counseling and Supervision, the Master of Science in Engineering Management, Master of Science in Community Health and Nutrition, Master of Science in Sustainable Agriculture, and the Bachelor of Science in Fine Arts.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – REVISIONS TO TTU POLICY 260 (REQUIREMENTS FOR A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE AND GRADUATION)

Trustee Harper moved to approve revisions to TTU Policy 260 (Requirements for a Baccalaureate Degree and Graduation), as presented, to the Board for approval and to be placed on the Board's consent agenda. Trustee Lowery seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – COUNSELING CENTER UPDATE ON MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Patricia Smith, Tennessee Tech's Counseling Center Director, shared an update on mental health services offered to students on campus. This included services provided, as well as how they are utilized by students on campus.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Approved,

Lee Wray, Secretary



Agenda Item Summary

Date: March 11, 2021

Agenda Item: SACSCOC Update

Review

Action

No action required

PRESENTER(S): Provost Bruce

PURPOSE & KEY POINTS: Provost Bruce will provide an update on Tennessee Tech's five-year interim report, as well as a brief overview of the planning for such accreditation visits.



Agenda Item Summary

Date: March 11, 2021

Agenda Item: Progress on Strategic Plan Initiatives

Review

Action

No action required

PRESENTER(S): Provost Bruce

PURPOSE & KEY POINTS: Provost Bruce will update the Academic & Student Affairs Committee on certain initiatives that came directly out of the strategic planning groups, focusing at this meeting on components from two of the four initiatives.



Agenda Item Summary

Date: March 11, 2021

Agenda Item: Ethnic Diversity Enrollment

Review

Action

No action required

PRESENTER(S): Dr. Johnson and Dr. Owens

PURPOSE & KEY POINTS: Dr. Johnson and Dr. Owens will update the Academic & Student Affairs Committee on Tennessee Tech's ethnic diversity enrollment.



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Date: March 11, 2021

Agenda Item: Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) Update

Review

Action

No action required

PRESENTER(S): President Oldham

PURPOSE & KEY POINTS: President Oldham will provide updates to the Academic & Student Affairs Committee regarding the Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) membership changes and plans.



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OVC Mission Statement

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Values

The conference's six values capture the essence of its members and their commitment to the student-athlete experience.

- Integrity – We are dedicated to ensuring our student-athletes, coaches, administrators and fans treat one another with respect, show a strong commitment to sportsmanship and act with integrity on and off the playing field.
- Academic Success – We are committed to upholding the collegiate model by providing studentathletes with transformative academic experiences integrated in the greater campus community with the ultimate goal of graduation.
- Student-Athlete Well-Being – We will strive to provide the necessary resources to help student-athletes to be well-balanced, healthy, safe and reach their human potential.
- Fiscal Responsibility – We manage our resources responsibly while sustaining viability for the future and striving for growth.
- Competitive Success – We provide a competitive environment for our student-athletes to be successful at the Division I level while gaining experiences that provide lessons for life.
- Community – We are institutions that play a special role in our communities and we strive to ensure our students appreciate the value of being contributing members of society.

Vision

The conference's vision is meant to answer the question of why members are committed to offering collegiate athletics opportunities. The vision of the conference is to be nationally competitive while inspiring student-athletes to realize their academic aspirations, maximize their athletics potential, and cultivate their leadership skills to prepare them for life beyond their collegiate experience.

Mission

The mission focuses on simply stating how the members accomplish the vision. The OVC is comprised of universities with shared values and regional alignment, providing an exemplary Division I collegiate experience for student-athletes.

Pillars

The strategic priorities point to three pillars which drove the development of the goals and objectives:

- Inspiring Excellence in the Classroom and Beyond.
- Inspiring Athletic Excellence.
- Telling Stories of Inspiration and Excellence.



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OVC Member Institutions

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Austin Peay State University

Austin Peay State University is located on an urban campus that for over 180 years has been used for educational purposes and on which the buildings of five colleges have stood. APSU is located in Clarksville, Tennessee, the state's fifth largest and youngest city. The school is named after former Tennessee Governor Austin Peay, a Clarksville native. Austin Peay is a four-year public, masters level university offering over 56 majors and 63 different concentrations.

Location: Clarksville, Tenn.

Founded: 1927

Enrollment: 11,048

Nickname: Governors

Colors: Red and White

OVC Member Since: 1962

President: Dr. Michael Licari

Athletic Director: Gerald Harrison

School Website: <http://www.apsu.edu>

Athletics Website: <http://www.LetsGoPeay.com>

Belmont University

Ranked No. 5 in the Regional Universities South category and named for the seventh consecutive year as one of the top "Up-and-Comer" universities by U.S. News & World Report, Belmont University consists of approximately 7,700 students who come from every state and more than 25 countries. Committed to being a leader among teaching universities, Belmont brings together the best of liberal arts and professional education in a Christian community of learning and service. The University's purpose is to help students explore their passions and develop their talents to meet the world's needs. With more than 80 areas of undergraduate study, 22 master's programs and five doctoral degrees, there is no limit to the ways Belmont University can expand an individual's horizon.

Location: Nashville, Tenn.

Founded: 1890

Enrollment: 8,481

Nickname: Bruins

Colors: Navy, Red and White

OVC Member Since: 2012

President: Dr. Robert C. Fisher

Athletic Director: Scott Corley

School Website: <http://www.belmont.edu>

Athletics Website: <http://www.belmontbruins.com>

Eastern Illinois University

Eastern Illinois University has a rich tradition of preparing students to accomplish their life goals through a great combination of quality academics and personal relationships. Consistently ranked in the top third of Midwest universities in its class by U.S. News and World Report, Eastern has earned its

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**Enrollment:** 8,630**Nickname:** Panthers**Colors:** Blue, Grey and White**OVC Member Since:** 1996**President:** Dr. David Glassman**Athletic Director:** Tom Michael**School Website:** <http://www.eiu.edu>**Athletics Website:** <http://www.EIUpanthers.com>**Eastern Kentucky University**

Despite growing to a comprehensive university offering 168 degree programs and serving more than 17,000 students a year, Eastern Kentucky has never lost its small-college feel that dates back to its founding in 1906. EKU is able to offer its students the personal attention they need to succeed; classes are generally small, and they're usually taught by professors, not graduate students. There is also always something going on to capture a student's interest, from one of 175 student organizations to intramural sports.

Location: Richmond, Ky.**Founded:** 1906**Enrollment:** 17,034**Nickname:** Colonels**Colors:** Maroon and White**OVC Member Since:** 1948 (founding member)**President:** Dr. David McFaddin**Athletic Director:** Matt Roan**School Website:** <http://www.eku.edu>**Athletics Website:** <http://www.EKUSports.com>**Jacksonville State University**

Jacksonville State, known as "friendliest campus in the south," provides a solid, well-rounded education and is committed to offering a wide variety of academic programs to a diverse student population (students from more than 35 states and 75 countries). JSU believes that education should also extend beyond the classroom, as it has more than 100 clubs, organizations, honor societies and leadership groups in which to join.

Location: Jacksonville, Ala.**Founded:** 1883**Enrollment:** 9,238**Nickname:** Gamecocks**Colors:** Red and White**OVC Member Since:** 2003**President:** Dr. Don C. Killingsworth Jr.**Athletic Director:** Greg Seitz**School Website:** <http://www.jsu.edu>**Athletics Website:** <http://www.JSUGamecockSports.com>**Morehead State University**

Morehead State University delivers strong and affordable education for friendly, ambitious students who thrive in a student-focused learning environment defined by small class sizes and faculty committed to teaching and student success. Morehead State was recognized for the 11th consecutive year as one of the top public universities in the South in the 2015 edition of "America's Best Colleges" by U.S. News & World Report. MSU was recognized in 2013 by The Daily Beast as a top underrated school.

Location: Morehead, Ky.**Founded:** 1887**Enrollment:** 9,561**Nickname:** Eagles**Colors:** Blue and Gold**OVC Member Since:** 1948 (founding member)**President:** Dr. Joseph "Jay" Morgan**Athletic Director:** Jaime Gordon

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Report has recognized MSU as a "top tier" university for 16 consecutive years.

Location: Murray, Ky.
Founded: 1922
Enrollment: 9,456
Nickname: Racers
Colors: Navy and Gold
OVC Member Since: 1948 (founding member)
President: Dr. Bob Jackson
Athletic Director: Kevin Saal
School Website: <http://www.murraystate.edu>
Athletics Website: <http://www.GoRacers.com>

Southeast Missouri State University

Considered one of the best and most affordable universities in the state of Missouri, Southeast Missouri offers more than 150 areas of study, features small class sizes and excellent teachers. Located just minutes from downtown and the legendary Mississippi River, the university is large enough to provide a wealth of academic choices and options, but small enough so your professors call you by name and give you personal attention.

Location: Cape Girardeau, Mo.
Founded: 1873
Enrollment: 11,502
Nickname: Redhawks
Colors: Red, White and Black
OVC Member Since: 1991
President: Dr. Carlos Vargas
Athletic Director: Brady Barke
School Website: <http://www.semo.edu>
Athletics Website: <http://www.GoSoutheast.com>

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE)

SIUE is a nationally recognized university that provides students with a high-quality, affordable education that prepares them for successful careers and lives of purpose. Built on the foundation of a broad-based liberal education, and enhanced by hands-on research and real-world experiences, the academic preparation SIUE students receive equips them to thrive in the global marketplace and make our communities better places to live. Situated on 2,660 acres of beautiful woodland atop the bluffs overlooking the natural beauty of the Mississippi River's rich bottom land and only a short drive from downtown St. Louis, the SIUE campus is home to a diverse student body of over 14,000.

Location: Edwardsville, Ill.
Founded: 1957
Enrollment: 12,860
Nickname: Cougars
Colors: Red and White
OVC Member Since: 2008
Chancellor: Randall Pembroke
Athletic Director: Tim Hall
School Website: <http://www.siue.edu>
Athletic Website: <http://www.siuecougars.com>

Tennessee State University

Tennessee State University is committed to excellence and has been consistently listed in the U.S. News & World Report's "Guide to America's Best Colleges" for more than a decade. Founded in 1912, TSU is a comprehensive, urban, co-educational, land-grant institution in Nashville, Tennessee. Today, Tennessee State University offers 45 bachelor's degree programs and 24 master's degree programs and awards doctoral degrees.

Location: Nashville, Tenn.
Founded: 1912
Enrollment: 7,774
Nickname: Tigers/Lady Tigers

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Tennessee Technological University

With an enrollment of more than 10,000 students, TTU offers more than 40 undergraduate and 20 graduate degrees across six academic disciplines: Agriculture and Human Ecology, Arts and Sciences, Business, Education, Engineering, and Interdisciplinary and Extended Education. Students at Tennessee Tech get more than a top-notch education. They learn to be leaders in their chosen careers and lifelong learners. Partnerships between students and faculty combine disciplines and ideas in multi-disciplinary projects and research. Outside the classroom, they learn about cultures across the globe, discover how to be good citizens through service organizations and dozens of student clubs, gain exposure to the arts and build friendships across ages, backgrounds and interests.

Location: Cookeville, Tenn.

Founded: 1915

Enrollment: 10,177

Nickname: Golden Eagles

Colors: Purple and Gold

OVC Member Since: 1949

President: Dr. Philip Oldham

Athletic Director: Mark Wilson

School Website: <http://www.tntech.edu>

Athletics Website: <http://www.TTUSports.com>

University of Tennessee at Martin

The University of Tennessee at Martin provides high-quality undergraduate and graduate educational programs to West Tennessee and beyond. From the founding in 1900 of Hall-Moody Institute, through the establishment in 1927 of UT Junior College, to today's status as a comprehensive public university, UT Martin is committed to preparing students for success in the global economy.

Location: Martin, Tenn.

Founded: 1900 (1951, Senior College)

Enrollment: 7,119

Nickname: Skyhawks

Colors: Navy Blue and Orange

OVC Member Since: 1992

Chancellor: Dr. Keith Carver

Athletic Director: Kurt McGuffin

School Website: <http://www.utm.edu>

Athletics Website: <http://www.UTMSports.com>



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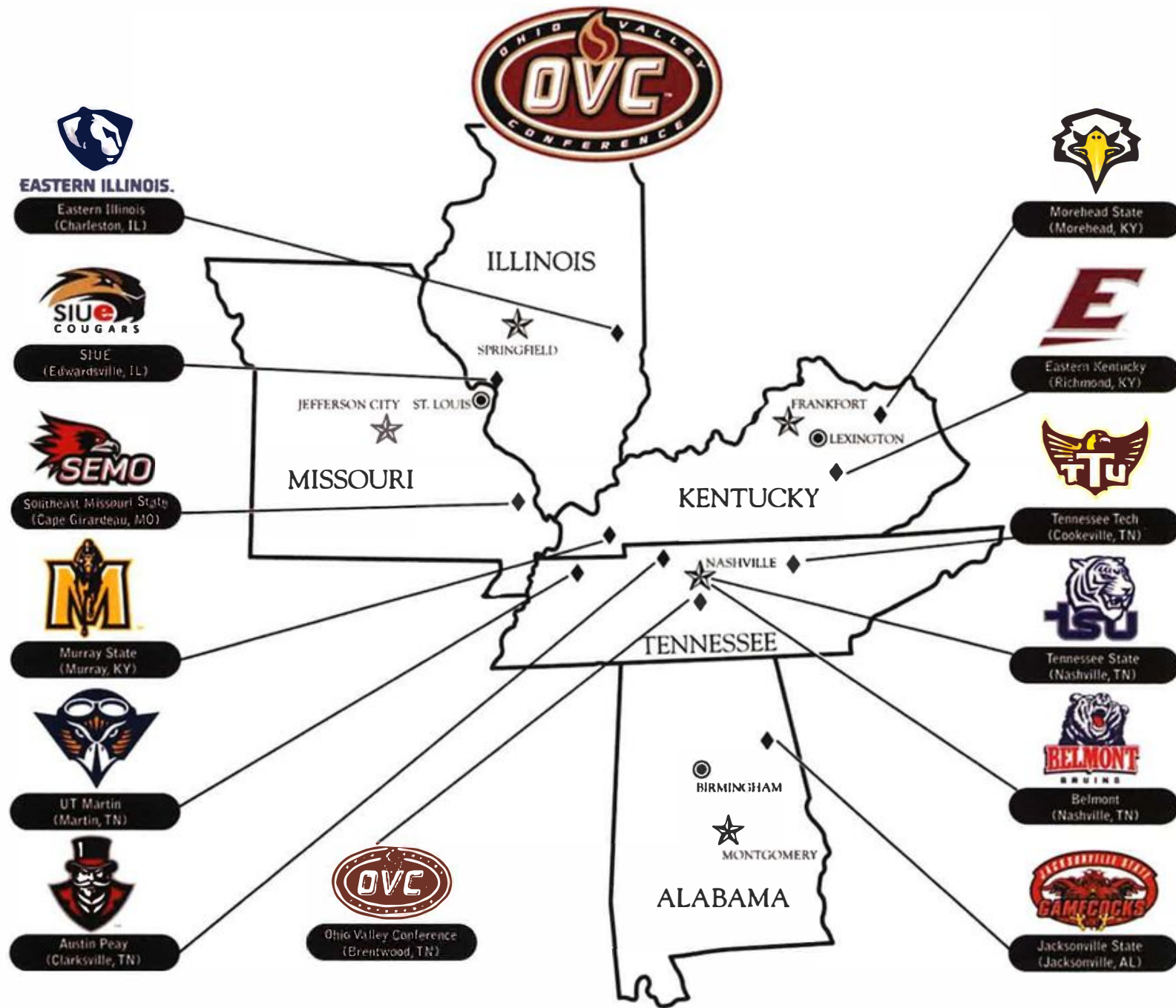
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