

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

September 18, 2023

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Virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams and streamed live via link found on this web page:

<https://www.tntech.edu/board/board-and-board-committee-meetings.php>

AGENDA ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

The Tennessee Tech Board of Trustees Executive Committee met virtually on Monday, September 18, 2023, via a Microsoft Teams video call. Chair Trudy Harper called the meeting to order at 11:44 a.m.

Chair Harper asked Mr. Lee Wray, Secretary, to call the roll. The following Executive Committee members participated virtually in the video meeting:

- Fred Lowery
- Rhedona Rose
- Trudy Harper (via phone)

Each committee member confirmed that they could simultaneously hear and speak to the other committee members, that they received the meeting materials in advance and that no one else was present with them.

Other board members also participating in the video meeting were Addison Dorris, Jeannette Luna and Johnny Stites. Barry Wilmore participated via phone. Dr. John Liu, candidate for the position of Vice President for Research, President Phil Oldham, Board Secretary Lee Wray and Diane Smith also participated in the video meeting.

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AGENDA ITEM 2 – APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH

Chair Harper stated that the President was requesting the Executive Committee approve the appointment of Dr. John Liu to the position of Vice President for Research. Chair Harper asked President Oldham to introduce the candidate. President Oldham stated that per Board policy, all direct reports to the President must be approved by the Executive Committee and approval to hire Dr. John Liu was being requested. President Oldham congratulated Dr. Carl Pinkert, interim Vice President of Research, on a job really well done. President Oldham stated that Dr. Liu has extensive experience conducting research at multiple institutions - primarily at Auburn University and more recently at Syracuse University – with over thirty years of experience.

Dr. Liu expressed that he was deeply honored and humbled for the opportunity to serve Tennessee Tech as Vice President for Research. He also stated that Tennessee Tech is poised to move from a regional research university to a national research university. He stated that he is excited to join Tennessee Tech and hoped to arrive around the first of October.

Chair Harper asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the request. Dr. Jeannette Luna stated that she was really excited to hear some of the ideas Dr. Liu had when he interviewed on campus. There being no additional comments or questions, Fred Lowery moved to recommend approval of the President’s request to appoint Dr. John Liu to the position of Vice President for Research. Rhedona Rose seconded the motion. Mr. Wray called a roll call vote. The motion carried unanimously.


AGENDA ITEM 3 – OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Executive Committee adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Approved,

 10/04/23

Lee Wray, Secretary