


March 2024 Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting



Schedule	Wednesday, March 13, 2024 8:30 AM — 8:35 AM CDT
Venue	Maxine A. Smith University Center - Bluff Room (304)
Organizer	Colton Cockrum


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University of Memphis Board of Trustees
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Proposed Order of Business

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Chairman Edwards gave welcome remarks. He noted there would be a new addition to Dr. Hardgrave's administrative team and that they would consider changes to the committee structure. He mentioned that the athletic director would speak regarding the transfer of the Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium to the Auxiliary Services Foundation and that he hoped we could celebrate our 9-3 football team headed to the Liberty Bowl, the 7-2 basketball team as the number 23 team in the country, as well as the 10th ranked women's soccer team.

Chairman Edwards noted that today that the institution was celebrating an important anniversary - two years ago today, December 15, 2021, the University of Memphis achieved R1 status. He also commented on the recent death of Dr. Richard Irwin, a driving force in our achieving R1 status and asked that we keep his family in thoughts and prayers. He then asked the board secretary to call roll.

Agenda Item 2: Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Secretary Murry called the roll.

Trustees present: Trustees Roberts, Marchetta, McKinney, North, Edwards.

Trustee Ellison was not present at the time that roll was taken. However, he later joined. Secretary asked Trustee Ellison if he could hear her and if he was alone. He confirmed he could hear and that he was alone.

Additional Trustees present: Trustees Johnson, Springfield, and Carter

Secretary Murry announced the presence of a Quorum.

Agenda Item 3: Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 6, 2023

Chair Marchetta welcomed the president, provost, and vice president of Student Academic Success. He called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 6. Trustee Roberts made the motion, and it was properly seconded. A voice vote was called and there were no objections. The meeting minutes were approved.

Agenda Item 4: Tenure Upon Appointment Dr. Ilias Kavouras as Professor, School of Public Health

Chair Marchetta recognized Provost Russomanno. Provost Russomanno indicated that there were two tenure upon appointments for consideration: Dr. Ilias Kavouras and Dr. Vadim Levin.

Provost Russomanno gave Dr. Kavouras' academic background and recommended tenure upon appointment as Professor in the School of Public Health. Chair Marchetta moved that the committee recommend approval to the full board for Tenure upon appointment for Dr. Kavouras, Professor in the School of Public Health and the motion was properly seconded. A voice vote was called and there were no objections. The motion passed.

Agenda Item 5: Tenure Upon Appointment Dr. Vadim Levin as Professor, Center for Research and Information (CERI)

Provost Russomanno gave Dr. Levin's academic background and recommended tenure upon appointment as Professor in the Center for Research and Information (CERI). Chair Marchetta added that CERI is one of the most well recognized centers for earthquake research around the world and this position as director will be critical in terms of growth of the center and the university. Chairman Marchetta moved that the committee recommend appointment for Dr. Levin as Professor and Director in the Center for Research and Information (CERI). The motion was properly seconded. A roll call vote was called and the motion carried.

Agenda Item 6: Additional Business

Provost Russomanno informed the Board that President Hardgrave has bestowed the most prestigious professorship title award upon Dr. Jasbir Dhaliwal as a distinguished university professor in recognition of his sustained contributions to teaching, research, and service as well as his exemplary leadership which was instrumental in the university obtaining Carnegie R1 status. President Hardgrave's appointment took into consideration Provost Russomanno's recommendation as well as the recommendation of Dr. Bobby Garrett, dean of the Fogelman College of Business and Economics, as well as Dr. Mark Gillenson, Professor of Management Information Systems and former chair of Management Information Systems. Chair Marchetta asked for comments from the committee. Chair Edwards commented that we would not be where we are today with out Dr. Dhaliwal's contributions and this appointment was well deserved.

There was no additional business.

Adjournment

Chairman Marchetta asked if there any objections to adjourn the committee. There were none and the committee meeting was adjourned.

4. Institutional Mission Profile

For Approval

Presented by David Russomanno

The University of Memphis Board of Trustees

Recommendation for Approval

Date: March 13, 2024

Committee: Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Presentation: Institutional Mission Profile (approval)

Presented by: Dr. David Russomanno, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

Background:

Tennessee state law requires the Board of Trustees to approve and submit an annual institutional mission profile to THEC that contains the following information:

- Characterize distinctiveness in degree offerings by level, focus, and student characteristics, including, but not limited to, nontraditional students and part-time students; and
- Address institutional accountability for the quality of instruction, student learning, and, when applicable, research and public service to benefit Tennessee citizens.

Committee Recommendation:

The Academic, Research and Student Success Committee recommends approval of the Institutional Mission statement.

University of Memphis Institutional Mission Profile

The University of Memphis (UofM) is a comprehensive, internationally recognized, urban public research university preparing students for success in a diverse, innovative and global environment. Student success, service, innovation, knowledge discovery and dissemination, commitment to an inclusive academy, collaboration and accountability are core values at the University of Memphis.

The University is classified as “Carnegie R1” or "Doctoral: Very High Research Activity and Community Engaged" per the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Learning. With a focus on research and service benefitting communities locally and across the globe, we are home to nationally designated centers of excellence in cybersecurity research and education, transportation workforce development, mobile health data and five Tennessee centers of research excellence.

The UofM is dedicated to providing the highest quality of education to a diverse student body that includes members who are of all ages, racial and ethnic heritages, and economic backgrounds (including a significant proportion of students who are Pell Grant eligible), as well as veterans and first-generation college students. Academic degree programs at the undergraduate, masters, doctoral and professional levels, as well as certificate programs are offered on the Central and Park Avenue campuses in Memphis, the Lambuth campus in Jackson and through UofM Global. The UofM awards approximately 4,700 degrees and certificates annually. Talented and innovative faculty have developed both undergraduate and graduate programs that are ranked in the top 25 nationally. Our metropolitan setting has enabled us to build a nationally recognized internship program that facilitates the placement of undergraduate and graduate students throughout the community in nonprofit and for-profit organizations that specialize in healthcare, government, transportation and logistics, music and entertainment, medical devices, banking and the arts.

5. Program Terminations

Presentation

Presented by David Russomanno

The University of Memphis Board of Trustees

Informational

Date: March 13, 2024

Committee: Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Informational: Low Producing/ Low Impact Program terminations (Informational)

Presented by: Dr. David Russomanno, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

Background:

The annual termination report is filed with the Tennessee Education Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. Per TCA § 49-7-202(q)(1) (B-C): Governing boards of the institutions report terminations directly to the Education Committee of the Senate and the Education Administration Committee of the House of Representatives and copying THEC.

(B) The commission is authorized to make recommendations to the governing boards for the termination of existing on-campus and off-campus programs of those institutions set forth in § 49-7-203 that are determined by the commission to be unnecessarily duplicative. A copy of the recommendations shall be filed with the education committee of the senate and the education administration committee of the house of representatives.

(C) The governing boards of the institutions shall make a report annually on any program terminations to the education committee of the senate and the education administration committee of the house of representatives, and a copy of the report shall be filed with the commission.

The following University of Memphis programs were terminated:

Graduate Certificates in:

- Taxation (Fogelman College of Business & Economics)
- Business Economics (Fogelman College of Business & Economics)
- Software Testing (Fogelman College of Business & Economics)
- Disability Support Services (College of Education)
- Analytical Chemistry (College of Arts and Sciences)
- Organic Chemistry (College of Arts and Sciences)
- Writing Studies (College of Arts and Sciences)
- Aviation Human Factors (College of Professional and Liberal Studies)
- Faith and Health (College of Health Sciences)

6. Additional Business

7. Adjournment