

## **Staff Advisory Committee**

### **January 11, 2018**

**Members Present:** Emily Vaughn, Barbara Fenlon, Jerry Keeton (Chair) Anna (Jill) DeBord, Randal McCloud, Paul Miller, Cheryl Sullivan

**Others Present:** Diane Smith

**Agenda Items:** Chairman Keeton called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in the President's Conference Room. Minutes from the November 2, 2017 meeting were distributed in advance. Chairman Keeton asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Cheryl Sullivan made the motion and Paul Miller seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Keeton asked Dr. Oldham for comments. Dr. Oldham updated the committee on the campus improvements to both parking and building renovations indicating that the commuter lot was currently completely closed due to the Lab Science building construction adding that a new large paved lot had been added west of Willow Avenue as well as a gravel lot east of Willow Avenue. Dr. Oldham stated that the shuttles were ready to run their routes and there were adequate parking spaces on campus.

Dr. Oldham added that the legislature was back in session and would be working toward the FY 2019 budget. Dr. Oldham also stated that enrollment was still uncertain and that the university was currently searching for a Vice President of Enrollment Management. Tennessee Tech's funding formula outcomes were positive and Tennessee Tech was at the top of the LGI (Locally Governed Schools). If the assembly funds, the university will receive \$3 million.

Dr. Oldham updated the group that the Roaden University Center was currently obtaining brick and that the dining room was undergoing renovations but operational. Dr. Oldham indicated that the university held a good partnership with Cookeville and there were many positives occurring.

Dr. Oldham indicated that there were two new employees in the President's Office: Lee Wray was the Chief of Staff and Diane Smith had also joined as the President's Assistant upon Terri Taylor's retirement.

Dr. Oldham indicated that there was a new public art installation near Centennial Plaza and that he was looking forward to more public art on campus in the future.

Dr. Oldham asked the committee if they had items they would like to learn more about. There were none. Dr. Oldham indicated that he was optimistic the University would be able to move toward another salary increase, indicating that it was always a priority but there was a lot to review and would be working through the governor's budget.

There being no further questions, Barbara Fenlon moved to adjourn and Jill DeBord seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Diane Smith, Recorder