

**Staff Advisory Committee
Teams Meeting
October 28, 2021**

Members Present: Angie Denson, Margo Dirkson, Shana Eads, Kathy Faulkner, Amy Foster, Joni Gilmore, James Goad, Carrie Harris, Susan Henry, Michelle Holm, Corinne Johnson, Bethany Jones, Andrea Kruszka, Kim Meredith, Michael Sliger

Members Absent: Charlene McClain, Sarah Starkey, Angie Wells

Others Present: President Oldham, Lee Wray, Kevin Vedder, Donna Schrock

Summary:

Approved Agenda

Approved September 23, 2021 minutes

Discussed Staff Retreat Planning

Comments by the President

Proceedings:

Chair Andrea Kruszka called the Teams meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. Susan Henry motioned to approve the agenda for October 28, 2021. Carrie Harris seconded. Motion APPROVED.

Henry motioned to approve the September 23, 2021 minutes. Bethany Jones seconded. Motion APPROVED.

Kruszka started the plans for the next Staff Retreat and asked if everyone would like to have a full day or a half day retreat? What time of year should it be? Joni Gilmore liked the full day. Kruszka agreed and stated that summer worked best for most people.

Amy Foster and Susan Henry volunteered to be a part of the planning committee. Anyone else that would be interested should e-mail Andrea Kruszka or Donna Schrock. Kruszka will set the first planning date before the end of the semester.

President Oldham thanked everyone for all that they do. The retreat was one of the best things this committee had done. The president mentioned the mask requirement was lifted and the data showed that counts were down. Tennessee Tech continued to monitor the situation and the president encouraged everyone to get a vaccination.

Oldham talked about the Board of Trustees meeting of October 7th. It discussed the possibility of a second new Engineering Building. The consideration was sent to the state and Tennessee Tech had not heard from them yet. In consideration at the state was the full renovation of Johnson Hall and demolition of Foster Hall.

The President encouraged everyone to be a part of the Master Plan. The next open session for the Master Plan will be Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in Jere Whitson Auditorium. Campus input from staff, faculty and students would be important.

He also mentioned that the Business Office had sent out budget information to the departments to do some scenario-based planning for the 2022-23 budget year. Tennessee Tech had lost some enrollment as have other schools in the state. It was just an exercise at this point. It was not known what the state would do funding wise and what the enrollment would be in next fall. Tennessee Tech had restructured and reenergized the recruiting efforts. Direct any questions to the president.

Oldham said Tennessee Tech will go to the Board with a Football Stadium project along with a football practice facility. The Board will also be looking at adding a parking garage. As Tennessee Tech continues to green up the campus there would be a need for more perimeter parking. Kruszka asked where might the parking garage be? The President responded the preferred site for the first one would be on the north side of the STEM center. It would be the least disruptive site. Kim Meredith asked how large of a parking garage would it be? He replied they would look at a 420 space, four level garage.

Other such matters: Kevin Vedder added that as you plan the staff retreat please feel free to reach out to Human Resources for assistance.

Joni Gilmore motioned to adjourn. Susan Henry seconded. Adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Donna Schrock, recorder