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TENNESSEE BOARD OF REGENTS

SPECIAL CALLED SESSION

February 13, 2015

The Tennessee Board of Regents met in a special called telephonic session on Thursday, February 13, 2015 at 2:30 p.m. (CST). Vice Chairman Reynolds called the meeting to order and asked Mary Moody, General Counsel and Secretary to the Board, to call the roll. The following members participated:

Regent Emily Reynolds, Vice Chairman
Regent Greg Duckett
Regent Darrell Freeman
Regent Tom Griscom
Regent Fran Marcum
Regent Barbara Prescott
Regent Rebecca Reeves
Regent Howard Roddy
Regent Leigh Shockey
Regent J. Parker Smith
Regent Johnny Stites
Regent Bob Thomas
Regent Danni Varlan
Regent Dottie Webb

A quorum was present. Governor Bill Haslam, Interim THEC Executive Director Russ Deaton, Commissioner Julius Johnson and Commissioner Candice McQueen were not available for the call. Observers on the call consisted of a few institutional representatives.

The first item on the agenda was the review and approval of the search criteria for the president at Chattanooga State Community College. Vice Chair Reynolds called on Chancellor Morgan to present this item. Chancellor Morgan reported that the consulting firm of Greenwood/Asher & Associates, Inc. would manage the search process for the next president at Chattanooga State Community College. The criteria for this position were presented to all members prior to the meeting and are attached to the official copy of the minutes as Appendix A. Regent Griscom moved for the approval of the criteria with Regent Stites providing a second to the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Next, the Board considered for approval the criteria for the president of Motlow State Community College. Again, Vice Chair Reynolds called on Chancellor Morgan for this agenda item. Chancellor Morgan presented the search criteria for the president of Motlow State Community College for the Board's approval. He reported that the Motlow search would be handled internally by the Office of the Chancellor. Regent Thomas moved to approve the criteria, and Regent Stites seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed. The criteria are attached to the minutes as Appendix B.

The next item presented for the Board's consideration was the review and approval of a request to change the Chair of Excellence in English Poetry at the University of Memphis to the Chair of Excellence in Computer Science. In 1987 Lillian and Maurie Moss Chair of Excellence in English Poetry (Chair Number 20411) was established at the University of Memphis. The chair was established with the hope

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that it would attract top academic talent to help build the University's graduate program in creative writing. This goal has not been realized, and the University of Memphis proposes to redirect the funds from Chair Number 20411 to establish a Chair of Excellence in Computer Science. In recent years, the University of Memphis has established itself as a national leader in computer science research related to mobile health and mobile sensor technologies, big data analysis, and data privacy and security. Redirecting these funds will enable the University to further solidify this role. Regent Roddy moved to approve the change. Regent Smith provided a second to the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote. A copy of the supporting documents is attached to the minutes as Appendix C.

The next item on the agenda was addressed by General Counsel Mary Moody. The Board was asked to review and approve an emergency system-wide rule change concerning student discipline. One of TBR's institutions entered into a Resolution Agreement with the Office of Civil Rights of the U. S. Department of Education, resolving a complaint from a student who alleged that his/her suspension from the institution for "Conduct Dangerous to Self and Others" violated his/her rights under Section 504 of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Under the Agreement, the institution agreed to revise its policy on the subject to comply with the current federal law. This necessitated a revision to TBR Policy 3:02:00:01 to ensure that system level and institutional disciplinary policies comply with the current federal law. While making these revisions, it was determined that other revisions were necessary and would improve the existing policy. The proposed revisions included:

- The revisions required by the Resolution Agreement, removing the "threat to self" as a basis for disciplinary action and requiring any necessary assessments and consideration of alternatives before a suspension or involuntary withdrawal of a student.
- Substituting a requirement to submit institutional disciplinary policies to the TBR Office of General Counsel and Office of Academic Affairs for prior review and approval, instead of approval by the Board.
- Revisions reflecting recent changes to other TBR policies that are referenced in this policy.
- Removal of a provision allowing the president or director to intervene at his or her discretion in a disciplinary proceeding, as that provision created due process problems.
- Miscellaneous, non-substantive housekeeping revisions.

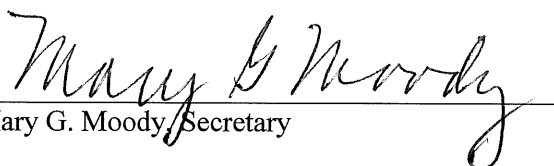
The offices of General Counsel and Academic Affairs recommended the Board adopt the proposed emergency and regular rules necessary to align the rules with the revised policy. Regent Thomas moved to approve the changes with Regent Stites providing a second. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed. A copy of the supporting documents is attached to the copy of the minutes as Appendix D.

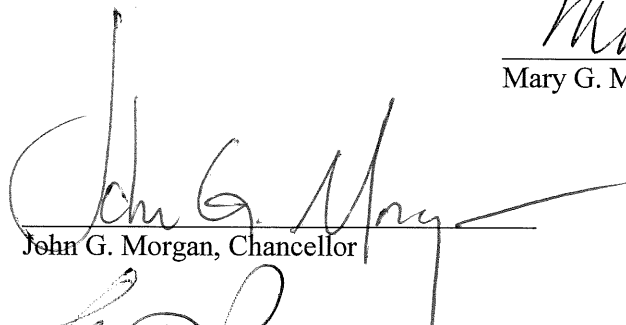
Next, Vice Chair Reynolds called on Chancellor Morgan to discuss the framework for operations at the Cookeville center. Chancellor Morgan provided background information to the members concerning the course offerings from Nashville State Community College and Volunteer State Community College at the Cookeville center and stated that operational support for the facility was to be provided by Tennessee Tech. Chancellor Morgan further reported that members from the executive teams from Tennessee Tech, Nashville State Community College and Volunteer State Community College developed a framework for the operations of this site. The TBR College and Training Center at Cookeville (current working name for the teaching site) would be operated by Tennessee Tech University under the auspices of a management structure that includes participants from TBR, Tennessee Tech, Nashville State and

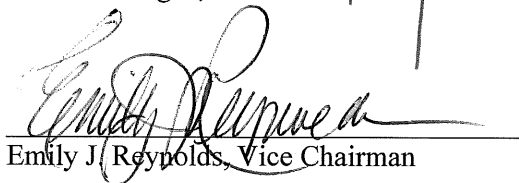
Volunteer State with program offerings to be delivered by all three institutions. Expenses would be shared among the three institutions based, in part, on utilization. Nashville State and Volunteer State would be able to offer degree programs eligible for Tennessee Promise participation. It is also envisioned that TCAT-Livingston may offer programs at the site depending on demand as determined in consultation with local economic development agencies and area employers. The action requested of the Board was to approve the conceptual framework as stated, with the authority given to the Chancellor to modify the arrangements as may be appropriate as the collaboration evolves. Regents Stites moved for the approval of the conceptual framework as presented at this meeting and to authorize the Chancellor to modify the arrangement as may become appropriate. Regent Roddy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved.

In closing remarks, Vice Chair Reynolds and Chancellor Morgan made announcements about upcoming budget hearings and meetings. Vice Chair Reynolds informed the members of correspondence concerning a pending matter. There was no further business to come before the Board, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Mary G. Moody, Secretary


John G. Morgan, Chancellor


Emily J. Reynolds, Vice Chairman