

EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

April 27, 2018
Johnson City, Tennessee

The East Tennessee State University Board of Trustees Executive Committee held a meeting at noon on Friday, April 27, 2018, in Meeting Room 3 of the D.P. Culp University Center on ETSU's main campus in Johnson City, Tennessee.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Scott Niswonger, chair of the Executive Committee, called the meeting to order.

II. Roll Call

Deputy Secretary Mr. Nathan Dugger called the roll. All members were present for the meeting. They are Chair Niswonger, David Golden and Dr. Linda Latimer.

Others in the room included ETSU President Brian Noland, Kristen Swing of University Relations, and Joe Smith of University Relations.

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Feb. 21, 2018, Executive Committee meeting were unanimously approved, with Trustee Golden making a motion to approve and Trustee Latimer seconding the motion.

IV. Report from the President

Dr. Noland reported on the well-being of Dr. Bert Bach, following an injury he suffered to his leg earlier in the week.

Next, Dr. Noland updated the group on conversations around the Millennium Centre, asking for the committee's support to begin direct conversations with the state and gather provision materials for the State Building Commission. He said he will bring a plan to the Board of Trustees for approval right before taking it to the SBC for approval. Dr. Noland said the purchase price is currently \$5.75 million and noted that the university spends \$165,000 per year to rent the Niswonger lab alone. The facility could be used for university events, with one Sodexo staff operating it and the other campus functions. A new parking fee would help offset the cost for the parking garage. All members of the committee agreed to let Dr. Noland move forward. Dr. Noland said Dr. David Collins is handling all of the staff work on the university end and will do the direct negotiations with the state.

Dr. Noland then moved on to personnel matters, noting that there are none currently that would bring negative attention to the university. He said there is one possible in the coming weeks. The review of a faculty member in the College of Business and Technology is wrapping up and is related to inappropriate student relationships. He said he did not anticipate it would rise to the level of detenuing. Dr. Noland also noted that the issues with the former tennis coach are done, but we may have to forfeit a prior championship or two based on NCAA sanctions. He said the violations are all Level 1 violations.

As he looks ahead, Dr. Noland said he feels good about the budget situation moving into the fall. He also said there was an opportunity to bring the clinical structures of the university up with the times, referencing MEAC.

V. Other business

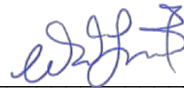
Trustee Golden brought to the attention of the president questions regarding reimbursements with Ballad Health that include ETSU and billing code inconsistencies. He suggested that university staff contact Ballad to gather further information as it becomes available.

Trustee Golden also discussed the need to review a presidential evaluation policy submitted to the group by the Faculty Senate. He recommended the group discuss the matter and ask that the full Board of Trustees authorize the Executive Committee to review the presidential evaluation policy and then bring it back to the full board. The issue was formerly handled by the Tennessee Board of Regents, and this is the first time it is being handled by the local governing body. Trustee Golden said they needed to set a precedent and felt that should be delegated to the Executive Committee. All members agreed that was a good plan.

VI. Adjournment

Chair Niswonger adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



David Linville
Secretary of the Board of Trustees

Approved by the Board of Trustees at its September 21, 2018 meeting.