

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AT CHATTANOOGA  
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

1:00 PM EST  
Monday  
September 23, 2024

UTC Library  
Room 435

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Scott LeRoy called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm. The roll was called with the following Board members present: Isabella Craig, Scott LeRoy, Don Reising, and Elaine Swafford. Garnett Decosimo and Todd Womack joined the meeting via Zoom.

David Watson, a Board of Trustees member, was also in attendance.

**II. OPENING REMARKS**

Chair LeRoy welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 14, 2024**

Chair Leroy noted the first item of business was the approval of the minutes from the meeting held on May 14, 2024. Dr. Swafford moved for approval, and Ms. Craig seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously by roll call vote.

**IV. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

Chair LeRoy then introduced Chancellor Angle for his report. Dr. Angle mentioned the dedication of the new Wolford Center and the Light Upon A Hill celebration, the University's record enrollment for the fall term, and several construction projects that will be starting on campus. Groundbreaking for the new School of Nursing building is scheduled for November 4; groundbreaking for the Fletcher Hall addition is tentatively scheduled for the week of February 17, 2025. Groundbreaking for the new dorm will probably take place in later summer/early fall of 2025. Brock Hall, 540 McCallie, and the University Center also will be undergoing renovations.

Dr. Angle then turned the meeting over to Vice Chancellor of Information Technology Vicki Farnsworth for an update on the strategic plan.

**V. STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE**

Vice Chancellor Farnsworth reviewed a handout regarding the four goals of the strategic plan, allowing time for review and discussion of each of the subgoals. Ms. Farnsworth noted the next

step would be to connect the goals/subgoals to metrics. Chair LeRoy asked when the Board might expect to see something else. Ms. Farnsworth responded that the plan is on target. The Executive Leadership Team and the Strategy Team will review it again and assign metrics. Open forums will be held in October for feedback, then a vote will happen in November.

## **XI. VICE CHANCELLOR REPORTS**

Chair LeRoy then called for reports from the vice chancellors. Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs Artanya Wesley reviewed 14<sup>th</sup> day fall enrollment comparisons and retention/graduation rates. UTC hit a record enrollment this year, with 11,834 students. UTC's retention rate was down. Retention will be addressed in the strategic plan. Provost Jerry Hale noted that the "A Mocs First Year" initiative had more students involved than anticipated, thanks in large part to the efforts of Dr. Delight Yokely. The target number of paired classes was 30; they ended up with more than 50. Dr. Angle noted that the enrollments of the University of Memphis and Tennessee State University were both down significantly as well.

Dr. Angle shared that UTC has had \$60.1 million in fundraising, with a strong year in the pipeline. He noted that Vice Chancellor for Advancement Kim White will be stepping back from her vice chancellor duties. Vice Chancellor and Director of Athletics Mark Wharton and Ashlee Patton from the UC Foundation will be serving as co-chairs for the search committee formed for the search for a new vice chancellor for advancement. Ms. White noted that UTC has raised close to \$8 million so far this year – her goal is \$20 million. October 1 is the annual Mocs Give Day, with a goal of raising \$2 million with 2,000 donors.

Vice Chancellor for Research Mann shared updates about the quantum partnership with EPB and the City of Chattanooga. He also mentioned the partnership with ORNL and the search for the new Governor's Chair, which will be a joint position between UTC and ORNL.

## **VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

## **XIII. CLOSING REMARKS**

Chair LeRoy thanked everyone for their attendance and called for a motion to adjourn.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Craig and seconded by Dr. Swafford.

The roll call vote was unanimous, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:23pm.