# Minutes BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING May 11, 2023 Adams Administration Bldg., Troy University Campus Troy, Alabama

The Troy University Board of Trustees convened at 1:30 p.m. on May 11, 2023, at the Troy University Campus, Troy, Alabama.

#### I. Call to Order

Board President Pro Tempore Gibson Vance called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Board of Trustees.

#### II. Roll Call

At the request of Mr. Vance, the following members, comprising a quorum, answered present:

Mr. Gibson Vance, Mrs. Karen Carter, General Ed Crowell, Senator Gerald Dial, Mr. Roy Drinkard, Mr. John Harrison (by telephone), Mr. Forrest Latta, Mayor Earl Johnson, Mr. Charles Nailen, Mr. Allen Owen (by telephone), Senator Cam Ward and Mr. Theo Thoenes.

Absent: Governor Kay Ivey, Mr. John Harrison

President Pro-tem Vance called on Trustee Carter to open in a word of prayer.

Chancellor Jack Hawkins introduced special guest, Dr. Jim Purcell, Executive Director of the Alabama Commission on Higher Education. Dr. Purcell provided annual ethics education for Trustees. A copy of his presentation is available upon request.

#### **III.** Approval of Minutes

A draft copy of the minutes from the February 2, 2023 meeting was provided to the Board members prior to the meeting.

#### ACTION: TRUSTEE CROWELL MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 2, 2023 MEETING AS PRESENTED. THERE WERE NO CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS BROUGHT FORWARD. FOLLOWING A SECOND BY TRUSTEE CARTER. THE MOTION CARRIED.

#### IV. Reports

#### A. Chancellor

Chancellor Jack Hawkins welcomed everyone and thanked Dr. Jim Purcell for his presentation.

The following is an outline of the Chancellor's Report.

- Review of the agenda
- Issues & Trends in Higher Education
- Challenges across the country
- Enrollment Trends largest drop in college going students in history
- Student debt an issue
- Student not prepared for college
- Demographics decline in college age students
- ACT scores are down many not taking ACT
- Cost cutting continues
- Closings Continue
- Enrollment Outlook is encouraging
- Campus News
- Budget Forecast Promising!
- Music Industry Program in Nashville
- Health Sciences Building
- CMMS
- "Gem of the Sun Belt"
- Study-Abroad Going Strong!
- NPHC Plaza Dedication-Thanks Gen. Crowell!
- Honors Convocation-Thanks Mr. Latta!
- Dates to Remember:
  - August 24th-BOT meeting to approve budget
  - Commencement Ceremonies
    - May 12 Troy, Speaker Dr. Glenda Curry, Episcopal Archbishop of Ala.
    - May 21 Dothan, Speaker Brandon Shoupe, Houston Co. Commission
    - May 22 Montgomery, Speaker Liz Filmore, Gov Chief of Staff
    - July 28 Troy, Speaker Eric Mackey, State Supt. of Education
    - Dec. 15 Troy, Speaker Jeff Coleman
  - October 13-14: Football trip to USMA
- Thank you, Dr. Tatum!
- Congratulations to New SVC-Academics
  - o Dr. Kerry Palmer

#### **B. Board Committee Reports**

#### **Executive Committee, Honorable Gibson Vance**

President Pro-tem Vance thanked Dr. Lance Tatum for his many contributions to Troy University and called upon Trustee Carter to read Resolution No. 1:

#### **Resolution No. 1**

#### **Commending Dr. Lance E. Tatum for his contributions to Troy University**

**WHEREAS**, Lance E. Tatum, Ph.D., who holds two degrees from Troy University, and has served as Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and the Chief Academic Officer of the University since January 1, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Tatum joined the Troy University faculty in the College of Health and Human Services in August 1998, and has held positions of increasing responsibility, to include Chair of the Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion, Dean of the College of Education, Vice Chancellor of Global Campus, and Vice Chancellor of the Montgomery Campus; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tatum's contributions to the institution have been many and varied, to include

- Creation of new academic programs.
- Successful reaffirmation of accreditation at the college and university level.
- Developed and executed a total restructuring plan for Global Campus, saving the University some \$18 million over the first two years of the plan's implementation.
- Led the negotiation to bring Valiant Cross Academy to the Montgomery Campus.
- Led the implementation of the Ph.D. in Global Leadership.
- Devised strategies to improve retention and graduation rates.
- Led the academic division in acquiring the largest single year grant awards total (\$30 million) in history; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Tatum's leadership has made his alma mater stronger academically, and his devotion to academic excellence has benefited the University immeasurably; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Tatum's devotion to student success has been in keeping with the highest ideals of the culture of caring that permeates Troy University; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Tatum will retire from the University June 1, 2023 after almost 25 years of service to assume the Presidency of Northwest Missouri State University;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees commends Dr. Lance E. Tatum for his many contributions and outstanding service to his alma mater and wishes him well in his future endeavors.

#### ACTION: TRUSTEE CARTER PRESENTED A MOTION ON BEHALF OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1. TRUSTEE CROWELL PROVIDED A SECOND TO THE MOTION. THERE BEING NO DISCUSSION, THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

Trustee Vance reported the Governor has reappointed, Trustee Owen, Trustee Drinkard and Trustee Vance to another twelve-year term. Their appointments have been reconfirmed by the Senate.

#### • Academic Affairs Committee, Honorable Karen Carter

President Pro-Tem Vance called on Trustee Carter for a report from the Academic Affairs Committee.

Trustee Carter expressed her appreciation to Dr. Lance Tatum for the committee. everything he has done to support the Academic Affairs Committee over the years.

Trustee Carter introduced Resolution No. 2 in the form of a motion.

#### **Resolution No. 2**

#### **Approval of Troy University Faculty Handbook Amendments**

**WHEREAS**, on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June, 2022, the Board of Trustees approved the official Faculty Handbook of Troy University; and

WHEREAS, this was an updated version of the 2021 Faculty Handbook; and

**WHEREAS**, the administration and faculty have identified changes and updates that are needed for timeliness and accuracy in an amended handbook; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chancellor's Cabinet has both reviewed and approved the amended Faculty Handbook; and

**WHEREAS**, the Faculty Handbook is available for review on the Troy University Web site at <u>https://my.troy.edu/faculty-handbook</u>,

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that the Faculty Handbook of Troy University, of Aug. 1, 2022, is superseded by Faculty Handbook of Troy University as amended to be effective August 1, 2023 by action of the Board of Trustees on May 11, 2023.

#### ACTION: THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE BRINGS RESOLUTION NO 2. TO THE BOARD AS A MOTION. THERE BEING NO DISCUSSION, THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

The Proposed revisions are provided below:

#### Proposed Revisions to the Troy University Faculty Handbook 2023

- The original Handbook text is indicated in black.
- Revisions to Handbook text are indicated in red.

#### Accreditation (p.3)

Troy University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate, baccalaureate, master's, education specialist, and doctoral degrees. Contact the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia, 30033 4097 or call 404 679 4500 for questions about the accreditation of Troy University. The Commission is to be contacted only if there is evidence that appears to support an institution's significant non compliance with a requirement or standard.

Troy University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award associate, baccalaureate, masters, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees. Degree-granting institutions also may offer credentials such as certificates and diplomas at approved degree levels. Questions about the accreditation of Troy University may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097, by calling (404) 679-4500, or by using information available on SACSCOC's website (www.sacscoc.org)

#### 1.4.2 Academic Steering Committee (p. 15)

The Academic Steering Committee meets regularly with the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs to advise the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs on matters that relate to the four Alabama Campuses of Troy University, online programs, and any academic programs offered at Support Centers. Membership includes the Vice Chancellors of the Dothan, Montgomery, and Phenix City Campuses, and the Associate Vice Chancellor of TROY Online, the deans of the five colleges and the deans of the Graduate School,

Undergraduate/First Year Studies, Library, Associate Provost for Academic Support, the Faculty Senate President and the University Registrar.

#### 3.3.6 Recruitment and Selection of Department Chairs (p. 40)

Department chairs are selected through a search process involving faculty of the department and related departments, the associate dean, the dean, the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and the Chancellor. Because a department chair has the obligation to build a department strong in teaching and scholarship, the appointment of a chair should shall be made in consultation with the faculty of the academic department.

#### 3.7.7 University Review Committee (URC)

1. The URC is comprised of one elected faculty member from each of the colleges (only senior faculty members are eligible; the names of representatives are reported on Form L), the deans of the Colleges, the Dean of Library Services, the Associate Provost/Dean of the Graduate School, the Associate Provost/Dean of Undergraduate Studies, two members of the Faculty Senate (only senior faculty members are eligible), and the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, who is a non-voting member. A faculty member cannot actively serve on the URC during a year in which he/she is being considered for promotion.

Trustee Carter introduced Resolution No. 3 in the form of a motion approved by the Academic Affairs Committee.

#### **Resolution No. 3**

#### Awarding the Honorary Doctor of Laws to Nguyen Truc Le, Ph.D.

**WHEREAS**, Troy University is known as Alabama's International University and enrolls students from around the world on its campus in Troy, Alabama; and

**WHEREAS**, Troy University operates teaching sites in Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, and Vietnam, where TROY became the first U.S. university to award the baccalaureate degree and where today TROY has more than 1,000 active alumni; and

**WHEREAS**, Troy University's success in Vietnam can be attributed in large part to the contributions of engaged international partners, one of the most valuable being Professor Nguyen Truc Le, Rector of Vietnam University-University of Economics and Business; and

**WHEREAS**, Professor Nguyen Truc Le has promoted Troy University across Vietnam by working to ensure TROY programs meet the highest standard of academic rigor, and by serving as a goodwill ambassador for Troy University nationally; and

**WHEREAS**, Professor Nguyen Truc Le is an accomplished scholar and consultant in the fields of economic management, financial management and business development;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon recommendation by the Chancellor of Troy University, the Honorary Doctor of Laws degree be conferred upon Professor Nguyen Truc Le, Ph.D. for exemplary academic achievement and for invaluable contributions to TROY's successful partnership with Vietnam University-University of Economics and Business; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this degree be awarded at Summer Commencement on the Troy Campus July 28, 2023.

#### ACTION: THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE BRINGS RESOLUTION NO 2. TO THE BOARD AS A MOTION. TRUSTEE JOHNSON PROVIDED A SECOND TO THE MOTION. THERE BEING NO DISCUSSION, THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

#### • <u>Finance Committee</u>, Honorable John Harrison

Mr. Vance called on the Finance Committee to report. Trustee John Harrison provided brief comments and called on to Dr. Bookout, Senior Vice Chancellor for Financial Affairs and Online Education to provide the financial report.

#### ○ Financial Report – Dr. Jim Bookout

Dr. Bookout presented the FY 2024 Revenue Projections to include the following:

- FY 2023 Budget to Actual CHP
- Revenue Considerations
- Advancement and Technology Appropriations
- State Appropriations per Full-Time Equivalent Enrollment
- State Appropriations as % of Actual Tuition Revenue in Alabama
- State Appropriations as % of Actual Tuition Revenue in other states
- 2024 Revenue Budget Analysis
- Mobility Report History Troy Campus Home Location Students
- Revenue from Rate Changes
- UG Comparison of Tuition per Credit Hour (based on 12 CH)

- Graduate Tuition Rates
- Funds Held for Investment
- Facilities Update
- Projects in Progress

Dr. Bookout introduced the following Resolution No. 4 on behalf of the Finance Committee.

#### **Resolution No. 4**

## Troy University Proposed Procurement Policy

**WHEREAS**, current University procurement guidelines were in accordance with the Code of Alabama 1975, Section 41-16-2, which was repealed by Act 2021-296, effective October 1, 2022, and was replaced by the Code of Alabama 1975, Section 41-4-124; and

**WHEREAS**, the updated code reads: "(a) Except as otherwise provided in this article, all rights, powers, duties, and authority relating to the procurement of supplies and services now vested in, or exercised by, any governmental body under existing law are transferred to the Chief Procurement Officer. (b) The following governmental bodies are subject to this article except as it relates to the purchase of professional services and the oversight and authority of the Chief Procurement Officer, but shall establish and maintain procurement offices and personnel and shall adopt rules as may be necessary to comply with this article: (1) All educational and eleemosynary institutions governed by a board of trustees or other similar governing body. (2) The Retirement Systems of Alabama. (3) The Department of Mental Health;" and

**WHEREAS**, to comply with these changes, the proposed University Competitive Bid, Small Purchase and Professional Services procurement policy is as follows:

1. Procurement of Goods or Services Involving \$25,000 to \$49,999.99

Purchases that meet or exceed \$25,000, but which do not exceed the \$49,999.99 competitive bid threshold, require the department to conduct due diligence and

demonstrate that purchasing from the selected supplier is in the best interest of the University. The requirement can be satisfied by obtaining three competitive quotes for similar goods or services.

#### 2. Procurement of Goods or Services Involving \$50,000 or More

Alabama law mandates that there be public competition for purchases involving \$50,000 or more. Therefore, competitive, sealed bids are required if the items needed are not already covered by an existing University, state or cooperative contract.

#### 3. Procurement of Professional Services

The services of physicians, architects, engineers, landscape architects, land surveyors, geoscientists, attorneys, teachers, artists, appraisers, and other individuals, or business entities offering the services of those individuals, who possess a high degree of scientific or specialized skill and knowledge where the experience and professional qualifications of the service provider are particularly relevant to the provision of the required service are not subject to the Competitive Bid and Small Purchase policy above.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Trustees approves the proposed procurement policy in order to comply with changes in the Code of Alabama, and these changes shall be effective immediately.

#### ACTION: THE FINANCE COMMITTEE PRESENTED RESOLUTION NO. TRUSTEE JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 4. TRUSTEE DRINKARD PROVIDED A SECOND TO THE MOTION. THERE BEING NO DISCUSSION, THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

#### • Student Affairs Committee, Honorable Ed Crowell

Mr. Vance called on Trustee Crowell for a report from the Student Affairs Committee. Gen. Crowell thank Ava Carnazza for her service and praised her outstanding efforts as President of the SGA.

Gen. Crowell introduced Resolution No. 5 on behalf of the Student Affairs Committee.

#### **Resolution No. 5**

#### Commending Ava Carnazza for service as SGA president

**WHEREAS**, Ava Carnazza served as President of the Troy University Student Government Association for the 2022-2023 academic year; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Carnazza has shown outstanding leadership qualities and has played an integral role in the progress of Troy University; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Carnazza's administration was marked by her devotion to serving as a passionate advocate for the student; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Carnazza exhibited the highest level of integrity and competence in her dealings with the administration, particularly the division of Student Services;

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Carnazza has done an outstanding job of representing the student body on the Board of Trustees, among the faculty and staff and in the greater community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Carnazza's term as SGA President came to an end during spring semester 2023, and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees hereby recognizes Ms. Ava Carnazza for hard work and exemplary leadership of the Student Government Association and wishes her the best for future success.

## ACTION: THE STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE PRESENTED A MOTION TO RADIFY RESOLUTION NO. 5. TRUSTEE WARD PROVIDED A SECOND TO THE MOTION. THERE BEING NO DISCUSSION, THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

# • <u>Institutional Advancement Committee</u>, Honorable Forrest Latta

President Pro-Tem Vance turned for meeting over to Trustee Latta. Trustee Latta provided an update on creating a dashboard report which would pull various data together into one report. The committee plans to have a draft report ready for the next meeting.

Trustee Latta discussed membership in the Association of Governing Boards and the potential of the Trustees attending meeting in the future.

#### • Athletic Policy Committee, Honorable Allen Owen

President Pro-Tem Vance turned for meeting over to Trustee Owen. Trustee Owen called on Mr. Brent Jones, Director of Athletics, to provide the report from the Athletic Policy Committee. The contents of his report follow.





# **SPRING SPORTS**

#### 's Golf

Finished 3rd in SBC
 Sun Belt Match Play for First Time Since 2017
 Most Head to Head wins in Program DI History
 Won Golfweek AGT Intercollegiate

Women's Golf • Finished in top 4 in 6 of 11 Tournaments • ShaeLee Scarberry - Five Top 10 Finishe

eball 31st in RPI

Beat Auburn
 Won series at Louisiana - First time in 10 year

oftball • Swept #25 Texas State • 1 of 2 Sun Belt Teams to Beat Louisiana

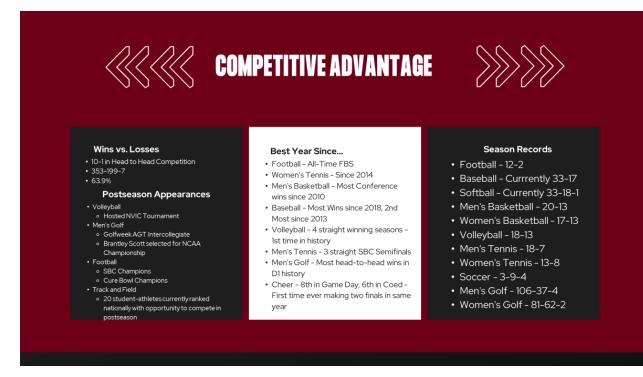
Track and Field • Jaggard Moore – Won High Jump at Penn Re • Javon Osbourne – #20 in Country in Discus

# Men's Tennis • Sun Belt Tournament Semifinals

Freshman of the Year and Player to Watch
 Beat Georgia Southern twice
 2nd Most Wins since 2016

Women's Tennis • Coach Elsisi - 100 wins • Most SBC Wins since 2009-2010







# **<u>STUDENT</u>**-ATHLETE SUCCESS



#### GPA and APR

- 2022 Calendar Year GPA 2.98 -2nd Highest Ever
- 11 of 15 Teams earned 3.0 or higher
- Female sports 3.28
  Male sports 2.79
- 46 Student-Athletes expected to
- graduate Spring 2023 All programs above NCAA required
- 930 APR points
- Six programs with perfect single-year APR scores (MG, WG, Softball, WT. VB. WXC)
- Four programs with perfect multiyear APR scores (WXC, WG, Softball, VB)

#### **Career Development Workshop**

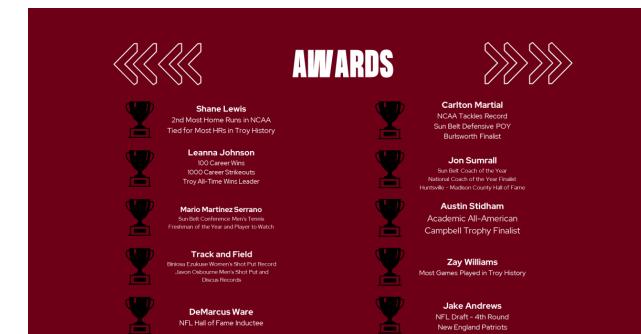
- Hosted 219 Student-Athletes (Juniors and higher)
- · Professionals Panel hosted by Lauren Cole interviewed 4 student-athlete
- alumni currently in the professional workforce
- · Each student-athlete participated in one of three breakout sessions
  - Juniors presentation from Career Services Office
  - Seniors presentation from Connor Couch - Graduate Admissions
  - Interviews student-athletes with exhausted eligibility were hosted by
  - 21 professionals from the Troy area

#### **Trojan Tribute and More**

- All student-athletes, coaches and staff attended the 9th annual Trojan Tribute on May 3rd.
- 20 student-athletes were presented with awards including academic athletic, character and leadership
- based awards 6 student-athletes were recognized for graduating with a 4.0 GPA

#### MORE

- Most Ever 5,080.45 Community Service Hours - Fall 2022 + Spring
- SAAC donated 200 bags to 187 Beats





• 21.4% increase from last year

• Most revenue in department

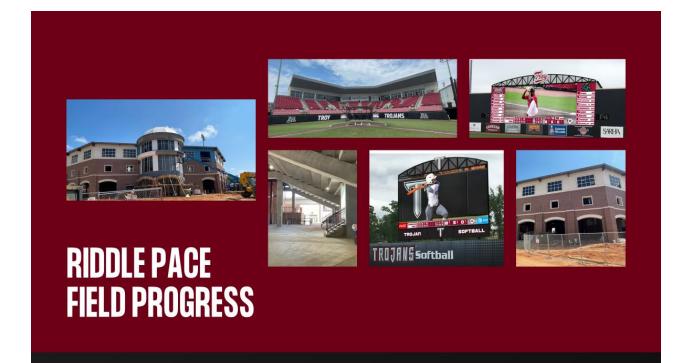
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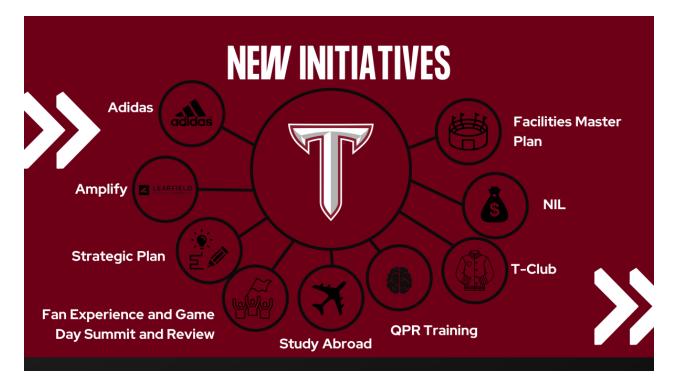
• Launched NIL Replica Jerseys

• #2 G5 School for NIL co-

branding

- highest increase in the country • Total interactions up 606K from
  - 21-22 Broadcasted 93 events on
  - ESPN+ (Fall 2022 + Spring 2023)





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CAR NCAA / SBC UPDATES SSS		
New NCAA President	CFP Expansion	Transformational Committee
SBC Basketball Strategic Plan	SBC Baseball/Softball Strategic Plan	Conference Expansion
SBC Competitiveness	Replay Added - Baseball and Softball	NIL State/Federal Legislation



Mr. Jones concluded his presentation with a video

#### V. New Business

## VI. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, President Pro-Tem Gibson Vance called for the Board to adjourn.

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Jack Hawkins, Jr., Ph.D. Chancellor, Troy University and Secretary, Board of Trustees

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C. Gibson Vance President Pro Tempore Troy University Board of Trustees