

**Middle Tennessee State University  
Admissions and Standards Committee**

Minutes

Monday, November 16, 2020  
(Originally Scheduled for October 30, 2020)  
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
Meeting Location: Zoom

**Members Present:** Rich Barnet, Helen Binkley, Harliana Burns, Keonte Coleman, Michelle Finch, Louis Haas, Ronda Hoffman, Ric Morris

**Members Absent:** Colton Pickard

**Ex-Officio Members Present:** Nita Brooks, David Butler, Laurie Witherow

**Ex-Officio Members Absent:** Susan Myers-Shirk, Teresa Thomas

1. Call to Order

Because the university is operating in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting of the Admissions and Standards Committee was held using Zoom. Helen Binkley called the meeting to order at 12:30.

2. Roll Call

The roll was called, and members present confirmed.

3. Vice Chair Election

A volunteer is needed to serve as Vice-Chair this year. This position is not listed in policy but having a vice chair was added as a committee procedure in 2014. The Vice-Chair will serve as Chair for the next academic year (2021-2022). Additional duties involve acting as chair if the current chair cannot attend a meeting during the 2020-2021 academic year. Keonte Coleman was nominated. A motion was made to accept the nomination. The motion was seconded and approved.

4. Approval of Minutes from September 25, 2020 Meeting

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the September 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

5. Old Business

The use of ACT SuperScores and the TASC High School Equivalency were brought before the committee for discussion at the previous meeting. The discussion continued at the current meeting. There was no motion brought before the committee regarding these items, so no action was needed. It was determined that additional review should occur to determine the potential impact on MTSU students.

a. ACT SuperScores

MTSU currently takes the highest place score, especially if it is higher than the composite score, for placement purposes. Laurie Witherow noted that this could disadvantage students, because some only take the free test and cannot pay for additional attempts.

b. TASC High School Equivalency

The committee postponed additional discussion, until there was more information available about the TASC.

6. New Business

No new items were brought to the committee for action at this meeting. Nita Brooks requested that the committee review the Admissions and Standards website and note any corrections that would need to be made and to provide any needed suggestions associated with the processes driven by the committee's charge. No changes in committee processes were suggested at the meeting.

a. Discuss Types of Proposals Considered by the Committee

b. Review of Committee Website

c. Examine Proposal Process and Timeline

7. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.