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As many of you know, the signing into law of the FOCUS Act earlier this year by Gov. Bill Haslam began the transition of moving the governance of East Tennessee State University from the Tennessee Board of Regents to a campus board for the first time in our institution's 105-year history.

It is with great enthusiasm that I share with you the names of those individuals who, earlier today, were announced by Governor Haslam as members of our Board of Trustees. They are Janet Ayers, Steven DeCarlo, David Golden, Dorothy Grisham, Dr. Linda Latimer, Scott Niswonger, Jim Powell and Ron Ramsey. These men and women are recognized as leaders in their fields and are also known for their strong support and affinity for the university. Also named to the board as the faculty representative is Dr. Fred Alsop, a professor in our College of Arts and Sciences. Alsop was selected for the role through a process defined by the Faculty Senate. In addition, I am pleased to announce that Dr. David Linville will serve as the Secretary of the Board of Trustees. Dr. Linville is a tenured professor in the Quillen College of Medicine and has done a masterful job chairing our Governance Transition Committee.

I anticipate the Tennessee General Assembly will hold confirmation hearings for the Governor's appointments in March 2017. Once confirmed by the General Assembly and following authorization from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), the Board of Trustees will likely convene for the first time in April 2017.

In the coming months we as a campus community will have the opportunity to welcome the trustees in person, providing time for members of our community to become acquainted with the board. The trustees will have much to learn about the university and what it means to be a member of the board. At this time, I would ask that we be mindful that our Board of Trustees has not been officially seated and, until the installation next spring, we will continue to be governed by the Tennessee Board of Regents.

This is a historic time in the 105-year history of East Tennessee State University. I share in the Governor's excitement with his announcement, and I look forward to working closely with the trustees. Gov. Haslam's announcement can be viewed at <http://www.tn.gov/news/46062>.

Thank you,

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President