

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL  
TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY  
September 7, 2022

The Academic Council met at 3:35 p.m. on Wednesday, September 7, 2022 via Teams videoconferencing technology, with Professor Kimberly Winkle, Chairperson, presiding.

The following members of the council were present:

Dr. Thomas Payne	Prof. Drew Sisk
Dr. Kumar Yelamarthi	Dr. Russell Witcher
Dr. Jeff Roberts	Dr. Ann Manginelli
Dr. Jennifer Shank	Dr. Matt Langford
Dr. Mike Gotcher	Ms. Stephanie Adams
Dr. Lisa Zagumny	Dr. Troy Smith
Dr. Darron Smith	Dr. Linda Null
Dr. Lee Ann Shipley	Ms. April Crockett
Dr. Dennis Fennewald	Dr. Brian O'Connor
Dr. Lori Maxwell	Dr. Katherine Hermann-Turner
Dr. Sean Alley	Dr. Jennifer Meadows
Dr. Hyewon Park	Dr. Lenly Weathers
Dr. Melissa Comer	Dr. Amber Spears
Dr. Syed Rafay Hasan	Mr. Jacob Cherry
Dr. Christopher Reames	Mr. James Rankin

Others present were:

Dr. Sharon Huo  
Dr. Mark Stephens  
Dr. Bedelia Russell  
Dr. Jennifer Taylor  
Ms. Karen Lykins

The following members of the council were absent:

Dr. Troy Brachey  
Dr. Christy Killman  
Dr. Stephen Canfield  
Dr. Emily Lee  
Ms. Mariam Abbas  
Mr. Austin Wattenbarger

## **SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS**

Approval of the Agenda  
Approval of the Minutes from the April 13, 2022 Meeting  
Approval of TTU Policy 706 (Research Center's Policy)  
Such other Matters  
Adjournment

### **Approval of the Agenda**

Dr. Lisa Zagumny MOVED approval and Dr. Troy Smith SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

### **Approval of the Minutes from the April 13, 2022 Meeting**

Dr. Lisa Zagumny MOVED approval and Ms. Stephanie Adams SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

### **Approval of TTU Policy 706 (Research Center's Policy)**

A friendly amendment was made to add Academic Council for review in Section II. Also, in section VI., paragraph three will be moved to paragraph one. Lastly, the first sentence in section VII., will be deleted. Dr. Jennifer Taylor stated that Research Centers can be within a specific College or be University-wide if they involve faculty and resources from multiple Colleges or units, provided they are approved by the dean(s) of the Colleges involved and then by the President and Vice President for Research in consultation with and agreement of the Provost. They report to the appropriate Dean or the Vice-President for Research. As official units of Tennessee Tech, all Research Centers must develop and utilize transparent processes of governance and review. After much discussion, Dr. Lisa Zagumny MOVED approval and Dr. Darron Smith SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

### **Such other Matters**

There were no such other matters.

### **Adjournment**

Dr. Lisa Zagumny MOVED approval and Dr. Darron Smith SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

APPROVAL October 5, 2022

Amy McCoy, Recorder

Documents on file with the minutes:  
All documents presented at the meeting