

**MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL  
TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY  
February 2, 2022**

**The Academic Council met at 3:35 pm on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 via Teams videoconferencing technology, with Professor Kimberly Winkle, Chairperson, presiding**

**The following members of the council were present:**

**Dr: Thomas Payne  
Dr: Kumar Yelanathi  
Dr: Jeff Roberts  
Dr: Jennifer Shark  
Dr: Lisa Zagumny  
Dr: Daron Smith  
Dr: Lee Ann Shipley  
Dr: Douglas Airhart  
Dr: Troy Bradley  
Dr: Lori Maxwell  
Dr: Sean Alley  
Ms Robert Wilbanks  
Dr: Melissa Coner  
Dr: Christy Killman  
Dr: Stephen Carfield  
Dr: Syed Rafay Hasan**

**Dr: Christopher Reames  
Prof: Drew Sisk  
Dr: Russell Witcher  
Dr: Yun Ding  
Dr: Emily Lee  
Dr: Matt Langford  
Ms Stephanie Adams  
Dr: Troy Smith  
Dr: Linda Null  
Dr: Brian O'Connor  
Dr: Jennifer Meadows  
Dr: Chris Brown  
Dr: Katherine Hamann Turner  
Mr: Jackson Lelle  
Mr: Baston Westbrook**

**Others present were:**

**Dr: Sharon Ho  
Dr: Mark Stephens  
Dr: Beckia Russell  
Dr: William Ebale  
Dr: Barbara Jaed  
Ms Jeni Wittingham**

**The following members of the council were absent:**

**Dr: Mike Godder  
Dr: Ann Margielli  
Ms April Crockett  
Mr: Cannon Johnson  
Ms Savannah Griffin**

## **SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Approval of the Agenda**

**Approval of the Minutes from the November 10, 2021 Meeting**

**Department of Computer Science, Revise Wording on Fast Track and Graduate Admissions**

**Department of Computer Science, Change Number of Hours Allowed to Fast Track**

**Department of Mechanical Engineering, Change GPA Requirement for the MSME Fast Track Program**

**Whitson Hester School of Nursing, Addition of a Post Graduate Certificate**

**Whitson Hester School of Nursing, Change the DNP Concentration Name**

**Whitson Hester School of Nursing, Change Nursing Healthcare Leadership (formerly Executive Leadership) Admission Criteria**

**Such Other Matters**

**Adjournment**

## **PROCEEDINGS**

**Approval of the Agenda**

**Dr. Lisa Zagumy MOVED approval and Mr. Baston Westbrook SECONDED, APPROVED unanimously.**

**Approval of the March 10, 2021 Minutes**

**Dr. Lisa Zagumy MOVED approval and Dr. Douglas Airhart SECONDED, APPROVED unanimously.**

**Department of Computer Science, Revise Wording on Fast Track and Graduate Admissions**

**Dr. William Ebae stated that the program is designed for graduates of approved undergraduate programs. This reflects the current status of fast track program and revised incorrect wording of a**

**Dr. Barbara Jued stated that in response to these ongoing needs and an increase in inquiries for this certification, the WHSON plans to expand this concentration by proposing a new, 23 credit hour and 550 clinical contact hour Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certificate in the current Master of Science in Nursing program. After minimal discussion, Dr. Lisa Zagumy MOVED approval and Mr. Jackson Lelle SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.**

**Whitson Hester School of Nursing Change the DNP Concentration Name**

**Dr. Barbara Jued stated that the proposed concentration title speaks to a broader range of leadership at the program, system, and aggregate levels. We expect the name change will reach a wider range of applicants and address a broader range of leadership issues in healthcare. After minimal discussion, Mr. Braxton Westbrook MOVED approval and Dr. Daron Smith SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.**

**Whitson Hester School of Nursing Change Nursing Healthcare Leadership (formerly Executive Leadership) Admission Criteria**

**Dr. Barbara Jued stated the current MSN/DNP admission criteria for this concentration limits the application pool to only those who have a Master of Science in Nursing. The proposed**