MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY
April 14, 2021

The Academic Council met at 3:35 p.m. on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 via Zoom
videoconferencing technology, with Dr. Lori Maxwell, Chairperson, presiding.

The following members of the council were present:

Dr. Thomas Payne
Dr. Doug Bates
Dr. Joseph Slater
Dr. Lisa Zagumny
Dr. Darron Smith
Dr. Lee Ann Shipley
Dr. Douglas Airhart
Dr. Troy Brachey
Dr. Lori Maxwell
Dr. Mark Melichar
Dr. Robert Wilbanks
Dr. Matt Langford
Ms. Stephanie Adams
Ms. Ann Manginelli
Dr. Troy Smith
Dr. Linda Null
Dr. Barry Stein
Dr. Brian O’Connor
Dr. David Larimore
Dr. Jennifer Meadows
Dr. Chris Brown
Mr. Zach Brown
Ms. Courtney Fowler
Ms. Melody Roth
Ms. Nia Buntin
Dr. Zac Wilcox
Dr. Christy Killman
Dr. Kristine Craven
Dr. Holly Stretz
Prof. Kim Winkle
Dr. Emily Lee

Others present were: Dr. Lori Bruce, Dr. Sharon Huo, Dr. Mark Stephens, Dr. Brandon Johnson,
Dr. Allan Mills, Dr. Jeremy Wendt, Dr. Hayden Mattingly, Dr. Melinda Anderson, Dr. Jennifer
Taylor, Dr. Ben Mohr, Ms. Diane Smith, Dr. Tom Timmerman, and Ms. Karen Lykins.

The following members of the council were absent:
Dr. Paul Semmes
Dr. Jennifer Shank
Dr. Mike Gotcher
Dr. Jeff Womack
Dr. Russ Witcher
Dr. Yun Ding
Dr. Susan Laningham

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS
1) Approval of the Agenda
2) Approval of the March 10, 2021 Minutes
3) Annual Reports
a) Admissions & Credits Committee
b) Committee on Commencement, Convocations, and Academic Ceremonies
c) Faculty Development Steering Committee
d) Faculty Research Committee
e) Graduate School Executive Committee
f) Library Committee
g) Teacher Education Committee
h) University Curriculum Committee
i) University Research Advisory Committee

4) Policy 295, Textbook and Course Related Materials (procedures presented as supplemental
information, not requiring approval)
5) Department of Decision Sciences and Management, Deletion and Creation of New
Concentration
6)

Department of Decision Sciences and Management, Deletion and Creation of New
Concentration
Dr. Thomas Timmerman stated that Business Intelligence and Analytics is more closely related
to Business and Information Technology than it is to Business Management, so we would like to
terminate the Business Management: BIA concentration and create a new concentration in the
Business and Information Technology Major. After minimal discussion, Dr. Lisa Zagumny
MOVED approval and Dr. Barry Stein SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.
School of Art, Craft & Design, Concentration Name Change
Professor Kimberly Winkle stated The School of Art, Craft & Design's accrediting body,
NASAD, requires the use of General Fine Arts. This is simply a change of name, the curriculum
and learning outcomes are the same. After minimal discussion, Dr. Lisa Zagumny MOVED
approval and Dr. Barry Stein SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.
Department of Environmental Sciences, Addition of New Minors
Dr. Hayden Mattingly stated Students will be provided with a broad range of curriculum and
hands-on experience and along with their major course of study, will leave the minor with the
skills, knowledge, and abilities to prepare for and perform successfully in professional roles and
responsibilities in a range of and sustainability and environmentally related positions and
organizations. After minimal discussion, Dr. Lisa Zagumny MOVED approval and Dr. Troy
Smith SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.
Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Addition of New Minor-Environmental Engineering