

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY
January 31, 2024

The Academic Council met at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 31, 2024 via Teams videoconferencing technology, with Professor Kimberly Winkle, presiding.

The following members of the council were present:

Dr. Thomas Payne	Dr. Scott Christen
Dr. Kumar Yelamarthi	Dr. Ann Manginelli
Dr. Jeff Roberts	Dr. Matt Langford
Dr. Jennifer Shank	Ms. Megan Atkinson
Dr. Mike Gotcher	Dr. Troy Smith
Dr. Lisa Zagumny	Dr. Linda Null
Dr. Darron Smith	Dr. Brenda Wilson
Dr. Lee Ann Shipley	Dr. Mustafa Rajabali
Dr. Dennis Fennewald	Dr. Krystal Kennedy (Ka Grimes proxy)
Dr. Mark Creter	Ms. Amber Spears
Dr. Brian O'Connor	Ms. Claire Myers
Dr. Hyewon Park	Mr. Eli Anderson
Dr. Melissa Comer	
Dr. Christy Killman	
Dr. Syed Rafay Hasan	
Dr. Christopher Reames	

Others present were:

Dr. Lori Bruce
Dr. Bedelia Russell
Dr. Julie Baker
Ms. Karen Lykins
Dr. Jeremy Wendt

The following members of the council were absent:

Dr. Sean Alley
Dr. Stephen Canfield
Dr. Jennifer Mabry
Ms. April Crockett
Dr. Lenly Weathers
Ms. Lindsey Taylor
Ms. Reece Edwards

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the Minutes from the November 8, 2023 Meeting

Exceptional Learning, Ph.D. Concentration Name Change

Other Such Matters

Adjournment

Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Lisa Zagumny MOVED approval and Dr. Mike Gotcher SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes from the November 8, 2023 Meeting

Dr. Lisa Zagumny MOVED approval and Dr. Mike Gotcher SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Exceptional Learning, Ph.D. Concentration Name Change

Dr. Jeremy Wendt stated this change aligns with efforts by the College of Education to better meet the needs of its students and to continue to recruit from a broader base. Much of the research of those who choose the Literacy Concentration has been focused already on critical discourses. The transition also aligns with the university's strategic plan to grow online programs, increase accessibility, expand the university's reach, and enhance its impact and reputation. Dr. Lisa Zagumny MOVED approval and Dr. Darron Smith SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Other Such Matters

Professor Kimberly Winkle notified the committee that the Academic Council meeting on March 6th, will be ran through Coursedog. Coursedog empowers academic administrators to support on-time completions and operational excellence by assisting in the elimination of roadblocks and barriers that can result from manual, siloed academic operations. Electronic proposals in Coursedog will be built to accept proposals for informational items, first reading of policy revision, and the final reading of a policy revision.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Amy McCoy, Recorder

Documents on file with the minutes:

All documents presented at the meeting

APPROVAL March 6, 2024