MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY
October 4, 2023

The Academic Council met at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 4, 2023 via Teams videoconferencing

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the Minutes from the September 6, 2023 Meeting

Approval of Revised Policy 221 Substantive Change Second Reading

Approval of Revised Policy 224 Academic Actions Notification Second Reading

Approval of Revised Policy 225 New Academic Programs Second Reading

Approval of Revised Policy 226 Academic Program Modifications Second Reading

Approval of Revised Policy 227 New Academic Units Second Reading

Approval of New Policy 259 General Education Second Reading

Approval of Revised Policy 261 Academic Credit from Other Institutions Second Reading

Recommended Changes for the Outstanding Faculty Awards Committee

Department of Mechanical Engineering ENAPP Proposal – Nuclear Engineering

College of Engineering Proposal for PhD in Computer Science

College of Interdisciplinary Studies School of Environmental Studies Graduate Admission Policy Change

College of Arts and Sciences Adding a PC Course Option for the Professional and Technical Communication Concentration

Other Such Matters

Adjournment

Approval of the Agenda
Dr. Darron Smith MOVED approval and Dr. Christy Killman SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes from the September 6, 2023 Meeting
Dr. Darron Smith MOVED approval and Dr. Christy Killman SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of Revised Policy 221 Substantive Change Second Reading
Professor Winkle noted the revised Policy 221 Substantive Change was submitted as a second reading and, therefore, the policy will be available for an actionable vote. Dr. Sharon Huo presented and stated that no changes or suggestions were given at the first reading. Dr. Darron Smith MOVED approval and Dr. Christy Killman SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Dr. Rao stated the BS in Nuclear Engineering program has undergone comprehensive planning and review, including input from faculty, experts in the field, and external stakeholders. It aligns with our institution's mission and strategic goals, and we believe it will provide valuable opportunities for students and contribute to the academic offerings of our university. Dr. Darron Smith MOVED approval and Dr. Christy Killman SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

College of Engineering Proposal for PhD in Computer Science
Dr. Jerry Gannod stated for the establishment of a Ph.D. in Computer Science from a Ph.D. in Engineering is driven by three factors: the recruitment of computer science graduate students into our program, the ability or our graduates to get jobs, and the recruitment of new faculty. Dr. Darron Smith MOVED approval and Dr. Christy Killman SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

College of Interdisciplinary Studies School of Environmental Studies Graduate Admission Policy Change
Dr. Hayden Mattingly stated the School of Environmental Studies request approval to change the admissions policy by removing the requirement for the GRE. Recent studies have shown that there is little correlation between GRE scores and success in graduate schools and that the GRE requirement puts underrepresented groups at a disadvantage. Dr. Darron Smith MOVED approval and Dr. Christy Killman SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

College of Arts and Sciences Adding a PC Course Option for the Professional and Technical Communication Concentration
Dr. Linda Null stated this change would allow students to add a PC course to their program of study for flexibility in meeting academic and career goals. Dr. Darron Smith MOVED approval and Dr. Christy Killman SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Such other Matters
There were no such other matters**.**

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