

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY
April 15, 2015

The Academic Council met at 3:35pm on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 in Derryberry Hall Room 200 with Dr. Steve Isbell, Chairperson, presiding.

The following members of the Council were present:

Dr. Bobby Hodum	Dr. Tammy Boles
Dr. Darrell Hoy	Prof. Barbara Jared
Dr. Jennifer Shank	
Dr. Paul Semmes	Dr. David Larimore
Dr. Liz Mullens	Dr. Jim Raymondo
Dr. Tom Payne	Dr. Janet Isbell
Dr. Janice Branson	Dr. Corinne Darvennes
Dr. Elizabeth Propes	Dr. Linda Null
Dr. Ismet Anitsal	Dr. Wali Kharif
Dr. Steve Isbell	

Dr. Christy Killman represented Dr. Michael Phillips. Others present were Dr. Melinda Anderson, Dr. Julie Baker, Dr. Alice Camuti, Dr. Steve Frye, Dr. Mark Groundland, Dr. Jeremy Wendt, and Mr. Charlie Wilkerson. The following members were absent:

Dr. Melissa Geist	Dr. Doug Talbert
Dr. Doug Bates	Prof. Sue Piras
Dr. Lee Ann Shipley	Dr. Daniel Badoe
Dr. Jordana Navarro	Mr. William Gabelman

Tabled proposal for an Engineering program with ETSU

Elected chairperson for 2015-16

Approved Lecturer position description

Received information on requiring sexual awareness training in first year experience courses

PROCEEDINGS

Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Stephens asked to change the order of items 14 and 15. Dr. Hodum MOVED approval of the agenda with the change and Dr. Kharif SECONDED. The agenda was APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes of the February 25, 2015 Meeting

Dr. Hodum MOVED approval of the minutes and Dr. Anitsal SECONDED. The minutes were APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of Reports for Committees Reporting to Academic Council

Dr. Darvennes MOVED to approve all the reports as a whole and Dr. Propes SECONDED. There were a couple of editorial changes and spelling corrections in two reports. The reports were APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of Policies Dr. Stephens

- a. Approval of Academic Programs, Units, and Modifications Dr. Stephens explained that the changes for this policy are based on TBR changes in the forms and process. Page 3, F.2. of the policy should read TBR forms not TECH forms. Dr. Darvennes MOVED approval and Dr. Propes SECONDED. The policy was APPROVED unanimously.
- b. Approval of Grade Appeals Policy Dr. Stephens stated that this is a revision to an existing policy to streamline the process. The most significant change is Step 4 which is the final step for Academic Council review. Dr. Darvennes MOVED approval and Dr. Semmes SECONDED. A correction was noted for page 5 to delete iii. and iv. as they are the same; v. will become iii. After some discussion on the process, the policy was APPROVED unanimously. The policy will become effective after approved by the University Assembly and changes will be made in the Student Handbook as well.

Approval of Policy on Distance Education

Dr. Frye stated this is an existing policy and minor changes are being made at the request of SACS reviewer and the Distance Education consultant. Dr. Darvennes MOVED approval and Prof. Jared SECONDED. Dr. Frye stated that item 3. was added under III. A. After some noted spelling corrections, the policy was APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of Policy General Graduate Degree Requirements

Dr. Camuti stated that this policy is in the Graduate Catalog and has been used for some time. The updates were made to be consistent with Policy Central format and were approved by GSEC. Dr. Darvennes MOVED approval and Dr. Semmes SECONDED. With a noted change

Approval of Policies Dr. Hodum

- a. Academic Credit from Other Institutions - Dr. Hodum stated the policy is in the catalog. This is to clean-up the document and make it more understandable. Dr. Hodum MOVED approval and Dr. Darvennes SECONDED. A few minor changes/corrections, clarifications on the process, and noted that this policy also includes RODP courses. The policy was APPROVED unanimously.
- b. Requirements for a Baccalaureate Degree and Graduation Dr. Hodum stated this policy was approved previously by the Academic Council. Section I. Exceptions or Appeals was added to the policy. Dr. Hodum MOVED approval and Dr. Darvennes SECONDED. After a minor correction unanimously.

Approval of Changes Dr. Hodum

- a. Quality Point Average Dr. Hodum stated TBR set this policy and TTU must follow it. The newly calculated Cumulative (Overall) Grade Point Average will be used for the purposes of Academic Standing and for Graduation. However, TTU may choose which GPA is used for other purposes such as graduation honors and scholars

Approval of Proposals Dr. Wendt

- a. B.S. Multidisciplinary Studies, four new concentrations Dr. Wendt stated the proposal is directly related to State Department of Education licensure changes for middle school education. Dr. Janet Isbell MOVED approval and Dr. Darvennes SECONDED. The proposal was APPROVED unanimously.
- b. B.S. Special Education, new concentration Dr. Wendt stated the Special Education program currently has two concentrations Comprehensive and Modified. This new non-licensure concentration would allow candidates to work with adults beyond K-12 with special needs. Dr. Darvennes MOVED approval and Dr. Semmes SECONDED. The proposal was APPROVED unanimously.

Proposal for DNP Program in Nursing

Dr. Stephens stated the DNP Program in Nursing is a joint package with the Engineering Program for TTU and ETSU. One cannot move forward without the other. Prof. Jared MOVED to table the proposal and Dr. Semmes SECONDED. The motion was APPROVED unanimously.