



Approved waiver of TOEFL/IELTS requirements for ELS language center students  
Approved new concentration in Library Science in C&I EdS program  
Approved new concentration in STEM Education in C&I MA and EdS program  
Approved new concentration in Health Care Administration for MPS program  
Elected chairperson or 2014-15

## PROCEEDINGS

### Approval of Agenda

Dr. Talbert MOVED approval of the agenda and Dr. Matt Smith SECONDED. The agenda was APPROVED unanimously.

### Approval of the Minutes of the February 19, 2014 Meeting

Dr. Janet Isbell MOVED approval of the minutes and Dr. Talbert SECONDED. The minutes were APPROVED unanimously.

### Approval of Reports for Committees Reporting to Academic Council

Dr. Hodum MOVED approval of the reports as a whole and Dr. Kharif SECONDED. The reports were APPROVED unanimously.

### Approval of Proposal for Changes to the Agritourism Curriculum

Dr. Tomas stated that the changes to update and improve upon the Agritourism curriculum is to make it more relevant to industry needs and to enhance the student learning experience. Dr. Mullens MOVED approval and Dr. Anitsal SECONDED. The proposal was APPROVED unanimously.

### Approval of Proposal for a New Concentration in Computer Science

committee, which is broader than only patents and copyrights issues. The name change is also more consistent with TBR language outlining the functions of this committee. Dr. Anitsal MOVED approval of the name change and Dr. Talbert SECONDED. The change was APPROVED unanimously.

#### Approval of Policy on Credit Hours

with the federal regulations and SACS-COS expectations regarding credits. This regulation applies to all courses at all levels that award academic credit (i.e. any course that appears on an official transcript issued by the university). Dr. Mullens MOVED approval and Dr. Kharif SECONDED. The policy was APPROVED unanimously.

#### Approval of Standardized Course Syllabus

Dr. Huo stated that the University needs a standardized course syllabus so is it clearly stated for

Dr. Anitsal MOVED approval and Dr. Mullens SECONDED. After much discussion and explanation on how a standardized course syllabus would help students and faculty as well as our accreditation information, it was APPROVED unanimously.

#### Approval of Change to the Freshman Admission Requirements

Dr. Hodum explained that the purpose of this change is to better align the admission requirements for new freshmen at TTU to the requirements and expectations of academic preparation at TTU. The change would raise minimum high school GPA requirements three times from 2014 to 2018. Dr. Hodum MOVED approval and Dr. Talbert SECONDED. After some discussion, the change was APPROVED unanimously.

#### Approval of Proposal to Update Admission Requirements for MS in Mathematics

Dr. Mills explained the departmental admission requirements for students to be admitted into the graduate Mathematics program and requested an update to the current requirements. Dr. Talbert MOVED approval and Dr. Kharif SECONDED. The proposal was APPROVED unanimously.

#### Proposal to Waive TOEFL/IELTS Requirements for ELS Language Center Students

Mr. Charlie Wilkerson stated that ELS Language is a global company with Intensive ESL Language programs in almost all 50 states and over 20 other countries. At present, over 650 universities waive the TOEFL/IELTS requirement for students who complete the appropriate level ELS Language Centers. Dr. Null MOVED approval and Dr. Anitsal SECONDED. The proposal was APPROVED unanimously.

#### Proposal for a New Concentration in Library Science in the C&I EdS Program

Dr. Wendt explained that in order to be a school librarian in a K-12 school setting, the State of Tennessee requires licensed educators to have at least a master's degree and the library science endorsement. In adding this concentration at the EdS level, those already holding a master's degree in another subject area may more smoothly attain the library endorsement needed while

