

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY
April 4, 2007

The Academic Council met at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4, 2007, in the Deans' Conference Room of Derryberry Hall with Christine Miller, Chairperson, presiding.

The following members of the Council were present:

Dr. Robert Niebuhr

Ms. Deanna Nipp-Kintz (for Dr. Walden)

Mr. Bobby Hodum

Dr. Wade Faw

Dr. Paul Semmes (for Dr. Armistead)

Dr. Darrell Garber

Dr. Pat Jordan

Dr. David Larimore

Dr. Sharon Huo

Dr. Bob Clougherty

Dr. Linda Null

PROCEEDINGS

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Ray Jordan MOVED approval of the agenda, and Dr. Pat Jordan SECONDED the motion. The agenda was APPROVED as distributed.

Approval of Minutes of the November 15, 2006 Meeting

Dr. Harris MOVED approval of the minutes of the November 15 meeting, and Dr. Stephens SECONDED the motion. The minutes were APPROVED as posted on the Academic Council web site.

Annual Reports from Committees Reporting to the Academic Council

Dr. Harris MOVED approval of all the reports as submitted, and Dr. Faw SECONDED the motion. The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote.

The Language Company Proposal

Mr. Charles Wilkerson, Director of International Student Affairs presented a proposal to waive TOEFL test requirement for undergraduate applicants if the students complete the advanced level at designated schools. Dr. Stephens MOVED approval of the proposal, and Mr. Hodum SECONDED. After some discussion, the motion PASSED by a unanimous vote.

Civil and Environmental Engineering Fast-Track MS Program Proposal

Dr. Huddleston explained that the program will allow students to earn six hours of graduate credit during their last two undergraduate semesters that can be used as part of both their undergraduate and graduate curricula. The modification is proposed to attract a larger number of our best undergraduate scholars to our graduate program. Dr. Larimore MOVED approval of the proposal, and Dr. Laningham SECONDED the motion. After some discussion, the motion PASSED by a unanimous vote.

Electrical and Computer Engineering Fast-Track MS Program Proposal

Dr. Parke stated that the ECE proposal is identical to the CEE proposal. ECE currently

Dr. Barker stated that the Council should revisit the plus/minus grading issue in the near future. After some discussion, Dr. Miller proposed that this issue be tabled for the Fall 2007 meeting.

Dr. Miller stated that the Council would be losing their Executive Officer due to the retirement of Dr. Barker. She thanked him for his years of service to TTU and the Academic Council. The Council acknowledged his many contributions.

Adjournment

The meeting was ADJOURNED at 4:40 p.m.

Carol Holley, Recorder

Documents on file with minutes:

Annual Reports

Language Company Proposal

CEE Fast-Track MS Program Proposal

ECE Fast-Track MS Program Proposal