

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
TENNESSEE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
November 10, 2004

The Academic Council met at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 10, 2004, in the Dean'

Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Stanger MOVED approval of the agenda, Dr. Stewart SECONDED the motion, and the agenda was APPROVED as distributed on the web.

Approval of the Minutes of the October 6 Meeting

Dr. Loutzenheiser MOVED approval of the minutes of the October 6 meeting, and Dr. Stanger SECONDED the motion. The minutes were APPROVED as posted on the web.

International Baccalaureate Program

Professor Tolbert introduced Mr. Bobby Hodum, Assistant Director of Admissions, to present information on the International Baccalaureate Program.

Mr. Hodum distributed a handout about the AP/IB Program—an international advanced placement program involving over 200,000 students in 45 different states in the U.S. and in 117 different countries. Only five high schools in Middle Tennessee (four schools in the Nashville area plus Cookeville High School) are offering the AP/IB.

Mr. Hodum referred to the list of courses on the handout and noted that the courses were designated as either HL or SL—Higher Level or Standard Level. So far TBR has not standardized the credit for AP/IB courses, but TTU would like to be listed on the IBO website so that high school students in the program would know exactly what exam score would be required in a particular course and exactly what college credit they would receive for the course. The departments would not be asked to give credit based on what other schools do but on statistical data and samples of the exams. Mr. Hodum noted that high school students in their junior year are eligible to enroll in IB courses. Professor Tolbert said the Admissions Office hopes to have information

specifics for reaching the assigned target would be decided at the college level. Dr. Barker noted that RODP and the Distance MBA are not part of this program.

Proposal to Change Current Class Schedule

Dr. Roberts reported that he had received dozens if not hundreds of comments regarding his proposal for changing the current class schedule, from students and faculty alike. All but two were professional. Many were supportive and enthusiastic. Yet others raised a variety of concerns. The reason and extent of the opposition convinced Dr. Roberts to forego a vote on the proposal.

Instead, Dr. Roberts commissioned a committee of the Academic Council to study the practicality of allowing for alternate Monday/Wednesday classes of 80-minute length. Mark Stephens, Christine Miller and Brian O'Connor have volunteered to serve on the committee.

Dr. Roberts thanked all of those who shared their thoughts regarding the initial proposal.

Such Other Matters

Dr. Roberts announced that the committee on disruptive behavior in the classroom that is being chaired by Sharon Whitney will report at the next meeting of the Council.

Adjournment

The meeting was ADJOURNED at 4:30 p.m.

Pat Gilbreath, Recorder