

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
TENNESSEE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
October 12, 2005

The Academic Council met at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 12, 2005, in the Deans' Conference Room of Derryberry Hall with Dr. Jeff Roberts, Chairperson, presiding.

The following members of the Council were present:

Prof. Rebecca Tolbert
Dr. Roy Loutzenheiser
Dr. Wade Faw
Dr. Jack Armistead
Dr. Robert Niebuhr
Dr. Winston Walden
Mr. Caleb Waddle
Dr. Jim Baier
Dr. Susan Laningham
Dr. Jeff Roberts
Dr. Mark Stephens

Dr. Christine Miller
Dr. Jann Cupp
Dr. David Larimore
Dr. P. K. Rajan
Dr. Brian O'Connortended for
attended as resource persons. Ms. Cathy Cunningham

The following members of the Council were absent:

Dr. Darrell Garber
Dr. Susan Elkins
Ms Amy Campbell
Ms. Alatheia Thompson
Ms. Shannon Morgan

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

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- Approved the agenda.
- Approved the minutes of the April 6 meeting.
- Approved a revision to the Teacher Education Committee Procedures.
- Approved making UNIV 1020 a course that cannot be dropped.
- Approved requiring students in UNIV 1020 to attend two cultural events
- Approved adding a diversity statement to the TTU Mission Statement.
- Received a status report on the work of the Academic Misconduct Committee.

Such Other Matters

Alternate Monday/Wednesday/Friday Schedule

Dr. Roberts said that last year the Academic Council passed an alternate Monday/Wednesday/Friday class schedule, and he would like for this optional schedule to be distributed to the chairs for their information.

Proposed Reorganization of Agriculture, Human Ecology, and Nursing

Because of the resignation of the Dean of the School of Nursing and the retirement of the Dean of the College of Agriculture and Human Ecology, Dr. Barker said consideration is being given to combining the administrative structure of these areas in order to reduce administrative costs. Dr. Barker reported that as required by University policy he has talked with the faculty in all three schools and has not found any major problems with this proposal. He said he is also required by policy to inform the Academic Council to ensure there are no tenure or promotion issues. Also one of the ideas under consideration is to include the School of Interdisciplinary Studies in the reorganization. Dr. Barker said it is anticipated that a recommendation for reorganizing these units will go to TBR at its December meeting. One possible title is the College of Agricultural and Human Sciences. Dr. Barker invited input from the Council on this proposal.

Dr. Harris questioned whether ISEE should be included in the reorganization since those programs were intended to be interdisciplinary in nature. Professor Tolbert pointed out that we may want to keep the curriculum committees as they are in the individual schools rather than having a college curriculum committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Pat Gilbreath, Recorder