

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL  
TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY  
September 11, 2019

The Academic Council met at 3:35 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 in the Derryberry Hall Deans' Conference Room with Dr. Linda Null, Chairperson, presiding.

The following members of the Council were present:

Dr. Thomas Payne	Dr. Zac Wilcox
Dr. Joseph Slater	Prof. Kim Winkle
Dr. Paul Semmes	Dr. Yun Ding
Dr. Mike Gotcher	Dr. Barbara Jared
Dr. Lisa Zagumny	Dr. Matt Langford
Dr. Darron Smith	Dr. Troy Smith
Dr. Lee Ann Shipley	Dr. Linda Null
Dr. Douglas Airhart	Dr. Brian O'Connor
Dr. Troy Brachey	Dr. David Larimore
Dr. Lori Maxwell	Mr. David Hajdik
Dr. Mark Melichar	Dr. Chris Brown
Dr. Christy Killman	Dr. Susan Laningham
Dr. Christine Miller	

Others present were: Provost Lori Bruce, Dr. Sharon Huo, Dr. Mark Stephens, and Dr. Brandon Johnson. Dr. Venkata Padmanabhan was present for Dr. Holly Stretz, Tristan Pope was present for Zach Brown, and Braxton Westbrook was present for Nia Buntin. The following members of the council were absent:

Dr. Jennifer Shank	Dr. Barry Stein
Dr. Doug Bates	Mr. Brad Sells
Dr. Christine Miller	Ms. Emily Bass
Dr. Ben Mohr	Ms. Katelynn Cammack
Dr. Mary Matthews	

#### SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Approved the agenda

Approved the minutes of the April 10, 2019 meeting

Revised Tennessee Tech Course Syllabus and Template (Dr. Sharon Huo)

M.P.S. Program, 33-30 graduate Credit Hours (Dr. Mike Gotcher)

Policy 1200, Undergraduate Admission Requirements (Dr. Brandon Johnson)

Academic Council Procedures Regarding Attendance (Dr. Linda Null)

Such Other Matters

#### PROCEEDINGS

##### Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Airhart MOVED approval and Dr. Gotcher SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

##### Approval of the Minutes of the April 10, 2019 Meeting

Dr. Airhart MOVED approval and Dr. Gotcher SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Revised Tennessee Tech Course Syllabus and Template (Dr. Sharon Huo)

Dr. Sharon Huo explained the revisions were made to reflect the name change of the former Office of Disability Services to the Accessible Education Center. After minimal discussion, Dr. Huo MOVED approval and Dr. Gotcher SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

M.P.S. Program, 33 to 30 graduate Credit Hours (Dr. Mike Gotcher)

This change from 33 to 30 hours for the Master of Professional Studies program will align this program with other TNeCampus programs, and other programs at Tennessee Tech. Dr. Linda Null asked for clarification on the deleted requirements, and then asked that clarifications be made on the memo moving forward. After minimal discussion, Dr. Gotcher MOVED approval and Dr. Killman SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Policy 1200, Undergraduate Admission Requirements (Dr. Brandon Johnson)

Dr. Brandon Johnson presented changes in Policy 1200 to reflect the undergraduate admission requirements already approved at Academic Council and the Tennessee Tech Board of Trustees. Dr. David Larimore shared historical data on Tennessee Tech admission requirements, as well as the practices at other institutions. After moderate discussion, Dr. Johnson MOVED approval and Dr. Airhart SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Academic Council Procedures Regarding Attendance (Dr. Linda Null)

Dr. Linda Null brought attention to a matter of absenteeism within Academic Council. After discussion with the Council it was recommended that Dr. Null reach out to the Academic Council member who was not present for any meetings during the last academic year. Dr. Null will share her findings with the Council and proceed as necessary.

Such Other Matters

Dr. Null gave a summary of what has occurred with regards to the tenure coversheet that was brought to Academic Council in April 2019. She stated that the committee has met several times, yet they are not satisfied with the outcome. She stated that they intend to continue meeting, along with the Provost to develop a coversheet and narrative that allows all faculty going up for tenure to effectively highlight their accomplishments.

Meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

APPROVED October 9, 2019

Elizabeth Sofia, Recorder

Documents on file with the minutes:

All documents presented at the meeting