

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL  
TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY  
February 21, 2018

The Academic Council met at 3:35pm on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 in Derryberry Hall Deans' Conference Room with Dr. Linda Null, Chairperson, presiding.

The following members of the Council were present:

Dr. Mike Gotcher	Dr. Tammy Boles
Dr. Doug Bates	Dr. Barbara Jared
Dr. Lee Ann Shipley	Dr. Brian O'Connor
Dr. Douglas Airhart	Dr. David Larimore
Dr. Troy Brachey	Mr. David Hajdik
Dr. Lori Maxwell	Dr. Corinne Darvennes
Dr. Ismet Anitsal	Dr. Troy Smith
Dr. Christine Miller	Dr. Linda Null
Dr. Jeremy Hansen	Dr. Jeremy Wendt
Dr. Christy Killman	Ms. Rachel Baker
Dr. Stephen Idem	

Others present were: Dr. Alice Camuti, Dr. Ahmed ElSawy, Dr. Barry Stein, Ms. Kate Nicewicz, and Ms. Elizabeth Sofia. The following members were absent:

Dr. Leslie Crickenberger	Dr. Holly Stretz
Dr. Darrell Hoy	Dr. Ann Hellman
Dr. Paul Semmes	Dr. Chris Brown
Dr. Jennifer Shank	Ms. Alicen Long
Dr. Liz Mullens	Mr. Austin Thomas
Dr. Tom Payne	Ms. Hope Duke

#### SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Approved the agenda  
Approved the minutes of the November 15, 2017 meeting  
Received information on rescinding Graduate Assistantship Policies No. 276, 277, 278 & 279  
Approved revisions to Policy No. 264 Grades, Grading and Examinations  
Approved program modifications for EdS in Counseling and Psychology  
Approved changes to MA admission requirements in Counseling and Psychology  
Approved concentration name change in English  
Approved new concentration in English  
Approved change in GMAT Waiver policy for Master of Accountancy  
Received nominating committee to elect Council chairperson for 2018-19

#### PROCEEDINGS

##### Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Wendt MOVED approval and Dr. Darvennes SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

##### Approval of the Minutes of the November 15, 2017 Meeting

Dr. Darvennes MOVED approval and Dr. Wendt SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

#### Information Item for Rescinding Graduate Assistantship Policies No. 276, 277, 278 & 279

Dr. Camuti stated that the Graduate School Executive Committee approved the request to rescind the four Graduate Assistantship Policies at their February 6, 2018 meeting. These policies were consolidated into Policy No. 274 which was approved at the November 15, 2017 Academic Council meeting.

#### Approval of Revisions to Policy No. 264 Grades, Grading and Examinations

Dr. O'Connor MOVED approval and Dr. Wendt SECONDED. Dr. O'Connor presented the policy changes in Dr. Huo's absence. Friendly amendments were made to the following: IV.B.2.c. "...notify the office of the department that offers the course..." and IV.C.2.(4) "...study, performances,..." APPROVED unanimously with noted amendments.

#### Approval of Program Modifications for EdS in Counseling and Psychology

Dr. Larimore MOVED approval and Dr. Wendt SECONDED. Dr. Stein explained the changes to the catalog for the degree requirements for the EdS degree to state "Upon approval from the students' advisory committee, up to twelve (12) credit hours from a previously earned 60 hour master's degree program, can be counted toward the EdS degree." This will allow students to pursue additional licensure or specialization in the counseling fields with an additional 18 hours of coursework and obtain an EdS degree if they have already completed a 60 hour Master's program of study. APRPROVED unanimously.

#### Approval of Changes to MA Admission Requirements in Counseling and Psychology

Dr. Airhart MOVED approval and Dr. Killman SECONDED. Dr. Stein stated the change is to replace the word "minimum" with "recommended" in the sentences "The recommended admission requirements are:" and "Satisfying recommended standards,..." APPROVED unanimously.

#### Approval of Concentration Name Change in English

Dr. Null presented the information on behalf of Dr. Pelton. The current concentration name is Writing/Language/Genre. The new concentration name would be Creative Writing. This change would reflect the changes in the concentration to augment the creative writing component and now aligns with the new MA level concentration in Creative Writing. Dr. Null MOVED approval and Dr. Airhart SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

#### Approval of New Concentration in English

Dr. Null presented the information for a new concentration, Rhetoric and Language, which creates a new possible field of study in English by separating from the previously confusing and disjointed Writing/Language/Genre concentration. This new concentration allows students to lay a foundation in their undergraduate education that can be continued in graduate studies. Dr. Null MOVED approval and Dr. Airhart SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

#### Approval of Change in GMAT Waiver Policy for Master of Accountancy

Ms. Kate Nicewicz presented the information on behalf of Dr. Rand. The current policy stated that students may request to waive the standardized test requirement if they have completed an advanced terminal degree or master's degree with a substantial quantitative component. The revised policy would allow the MAcc admission committee to waive the GMAT requirement for any student who requests a waiver and meets other specific criteria. See attached memo. This

new criteria will help with recruitment and enrollment. Dr. Jared MOVED approval and Dr. Anitsal SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Such Other Matters

Dr. Null stated the nominating committee to select the chairperson for 2018-19 are Dr. Boles-Chair, Dr. Wendt and Dr. Miller. Their recommendation will be presented at the April 11, 2018 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05pm

APPROVED APRIL 11, 2018

Carol Holley, Recorder

Documents on File with the minutes:

All policies and documents presented at the meeting