

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY
January 27, 2010

The Academic Council met at 3:30pm on Wednesday, January 27, 2010, in the Deans' Conference Room of Derryberry Hall with Corinne Darvennes, Chairperson, presiding.

The following members of the Council were present:

Dr. Bobby Hodum	Dr. Lebron Bell
Dr. Roy Loutzenheiser	Dr. Chris Wilson
Dr. Paul Semmes	Dr. Linda Null
Mr. Matthew Bedford	Dr. Jon Jonakin
Dr. Susan Laningham	Dr. Brian O'Connor
Dr. Jeff Roberts	Dr. John Harris
Dr. Steve Isbell	Dr. Holly Anthony
Dr. Christine Miller	Dr. Corinne Darvennes

Others attending the meeting were Ms. Regina Lee, Dr. Tom Timmerman, Dr. Glenn James, and Ms. Ann Davis Manginelli representing Ms. Deanna Nipp-Kientz. The following members of the Council were absent:

Dr. James Jordan-Wagner	Mr. Lawrence Haas
Ms. Deanna Nipp-Kientz	Prof. Susan Clark Reeves
Dr. Pat Bagley	Dr. Michael Best
Dr. Larry Peach	Dr. David Larimore
Dr. Susan Elkins	Dr. Steve Canfield
Ms. Heather Christie	Dr. Susan Gore
Mr. Julian Lyons	Dr. Gretta Stanger

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Approved the agenda

Approved the minutes of the November 18, 2009 meeting

Approved Academic Freedom Policy Amendment #2

Presentation on retention by Dr. Bret Danilowicz, Dean, Georgia Southern University

PROCEEDINGS

Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Darvennes requested to move item #5 to item #3 to allow our guest speaker more time for his presentation. Dr. Miller MOVED approval of the agenda with the noted change and Dr. Roberts SECONDED. Agenda APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes of the November 18, 2009 Meeting

Dr. Isbell MOVED approval of the minutes and Dr. Loutzenheiser SECONDED. Minutes were APPROVED unanimously.

Academic Freedom Policy Amendment #2

Dr. Armistead stated that he is requesting an amendment to the Academic Freedom Policy amendment that was approved by the Academic Council September 9, 2009. Amendment #2 is to express the original intent by extending the benefits of academic freedom to all individuals teaching a class at TTU. The new proposed wording is “*While academic tenure is essential for the protection of academic freedom, the full benefits and responsibilities of academic freedom extend to all individuals teaching at TTU, whether or not they are eligible for tenure.*” Dr. Miller MOVED approval of amendment #2 and Dr. Null SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously. Dr. Armistead will present this amendment to TBR as well as the University Assembly.

Retention Presentation

Dr. Semmes introduced Dr. Bret Danilowicz, Dean of the College of Science and Technology at Georgia Southern University. Dr. Danilowicz explained how the College of Science and Technology, with the assistance of an NSF-STEP grant, was able to improve their retention rate. The key elements were: Data Tracking, Intrusive Advisement, Residential Interest Groups, Supplemental Instruction, Guided Inquiry, and Undergraduate Research. The major element for success is a *faculty-based initiative*. See attached handout of presentation.

Update on University 1020 Classes

Due to the lack of time, this item was postponed until the next Academic Council meeting.

Such Other Matters

None

The meeting was ADJOURNED at 4:45pm.

APPROVED 3/3/10

Carol Holley, Recorder

Documents on file with the minutes:

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