

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY
March 3, 2010

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

The following members of the Council were present:

Dr. James Jordan-Wagner	Dr. Jeff Roberts
Dr. Bobby Hodum	Dr. Steve Isbell
Dr. Roy Loutzenheiser	Dr. Susan Gore
Dr. Pat Bagley	Dr. Linda Null
Dr. Paul Semmes	Dr. Jon Jonakin
Dr. Larry Peach	Dr. Brian O'Connor
Mr. Matthew Bedford	Dr. John Harris
Dr. Susan Laningham	Dr. Gretta Stanger
Dr. Corinne Darvennes	

Others attending the meeting were Ms. Denise Hensley, Ms. Beth Rogers, and Dr. Mark Stephens. The following members of the Council were absent:

Ms. Deanna Nipp-Kientz	Dr. Christine Miller
Dr. Susan Elkins	Dr. Lebron Bell
Ms. Heather Christie	Dr. David Larimore
Mr. Julian Lyons	Dr. Steve Canfield
Mr. Lawrence Haas	Dr. Chris Wilson
Prof. Susan Clark Reeves	Dr. Holly Anthony
Dr. Michael Best	

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Approved the agenda
Approved the minutes of the January 27, 2010 meeting
Received update on UNIV 1020 classes
Approved changes to Faculty Development
Approved changes to the retention table
Approved college credit for ENGR 1210

PROCEEDINGS

Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Stanger MOVED approval of the agenda and Dr. Isbell SECONDED. Agenda APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes of the January 27, 2010 Meeting

Dr. Gore MOVED approval of the minutes and Dr. Peach SECONDED. Minutes APPROVED unanimously.

Update on University 1020 Classes

Dr. Null presented information on University 1020 courses and their equivalent for the last academic year. Fall 2009 data is not yet available. There are four workshops scheduled in April for University 1020 instructors. There is a two year project to review the University 1020 syllabus and try to determine the best way for TTU approach these courses. Some of the course syllabus contain social emphasis and some course syllabus contain academic emphasis. An analysis will be done at the end of fall semester to see which area has the greater retention, social or academic. The ongoing goal is to connect students with retention. At the next Faculty Senate meeting, Brittni Simmons and Theresa Ennis will present the information gained from the University 1020 survey and IDEA analysis. The cost for one section of a University 1020 course is \$2,000, with \$1,800 going to the instructor and \$200 for other classroom needs associated with retention. There were 103 sections in Fall 2009 and 102 sections in Fall 2008. The intent is to have a mentor for each section this fall. Mentors will be used next spring to call students who have not registered for fall semester. The mentors will be paid \$750 for the fall and spring semesters. There will be University 1020 type classes in the new living and learning villages this fall. Dr. Hodum stated that there is no targeted enrollment goal at this time. We have met our previous goal of 10,000 students. Dr. Armistead stated that the strategic plan for 2010-15 is due to be completed by July 2010. There is a committee currently looking at enrollment levels and how to target enrollment and retention.

Changes to Faculty Development

Dr. Stephens presented a proposal that is part of a larger plan to reorganize faculty development efforts across the campus (see attached memo and email). There are some activities that are duplicated in effort. The recommendation is to eliminate the existing Instructional Improvement and Faculty Development Committee and create a Faculty Development Steering Committee. Dr. Armistead MOVED approval of this proposal and Dr. Semmes SECONDED. The intent is to centralize faculty development activities. The new steering committee would report jointly to the Academic Council and to the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. Motion APPROVED unanimously.

Retention Table Changes

Dr. Hodum presented a proposal to change the retention table as approved by the Admissions and Credits Committee (see attached information). The first and second row of the retention table was merged. The No Minimum QPA for students with less than 14 credit hours was removed. The new table requires a minimum cumulative QPA of 1.5 for 0.0-29.09 credit hours. Dr. Hodum MOVED approval of the change and Dr. Bagley SECONDED. After some discussion, the motion was APPROVED unanimously.

Project Lead the Way – College Credit for ENGR 1210

Dr. Loutzenheiser presented a proposal that was approved by the Admissions and Credits Committee to award ENGR 1210 (1 credit hour) for successful completion of “Project Lead the Way” for high school credit as demonstrated through the “Final Exam of Principles of Engineering.” (See attached request.) Dr. Loutzenheiser MOVED approval and Dr. Semmes SECONDED. Right now the one credit hour course is only offered in Civil Engineering and Industrial Engineering. The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

Such Other Matters

Dr. Armistead stated that there was a new law passed at the legislature that requires higher education to identify state wide a block of 19 courses that will become pre-major courses for each major that is represented at the community colleges and all senior institutions. For example, the History associates degree will carry with it 19 hours at every community college and every senior institution will accept those 19 hours and will include them as part of their major requirements and not go over the 120 hours. These blocks of 19 courses are to be identified and accepted all across the state by October 2010. Community colleges will complete their draft by March 25 and present their proposed courses to the universities. Problems will be identified and sent to the Board. The Board will form groups to address these problems. More information will follow as this progresses.

Dr. Darvennes asked the subcommittee reviewing the Turnitin Software if they could have a report for the Council at the next meeting.

The meeting was ADJOURNED at 4:20pm.

APPROVED 4/14/10

Carol Holley, Recorder

Documents on file with the minutes:

Changes to Faculty Development

Retention Table Changes

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