

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY
OCTOBER 10, 2012

The Academic Council met at 3:35pm on Wednesday, October 10, 2012 in the Deans' Conference Room of Derryberry Hall with Linda Null, Chairperson presiding.

The following members of the Council were present:

Dr. James Jordan-Wagner	Dr. Doug Talbert
Dr. Bobby Hodum	Dr. Daniel Badoe
Dr. Matt Smith	Dr. Linda Null
Prof. Barbara Jared	Dr. Wali Kharif
Dr. Lee Ann Jolley	Dr. John Harris
Dr. Jeff Roberts	Dr. Holly Anthony
Dr. Steve Isbell	Dr. Corinne Darvennes
Dr. Michael Phillips	Mr. Robert Griffin
Dr. Charles Carnal	

Other persons present were Mr. Steve Smith, Dr. LaNise Rosemond, Dr. Christy Killman, Dr. Tom Timmerman, and Dr. Sharon Huo. Dr. Kurt Eisen represented Dr. Paul Semmes. The following members were absent:

Dr. Doug Bates	Dr. Martha Howard
Dr. Roy Loutzenheiser	Dr. Brian O'Connor
Dr. Pat Bagley	Dr. Shannon Morgan
Dr. Paul Semmes	Mr. Roy West
Dr. Susan Elkins	Ms. Ashley Humphrey
Dr. Susan Laningham	Ms. Karah Frank
Dr. Mary Pashley	

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Approved the agenda

Approved the minutes of the April 11, 2012 meeting

Approved proposals from Undergraduate Admissions, MBA Admissions, and EXPW

PROCEEDINGS

Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Harris MOVED approval of the agenda and Dr. Isbell SECONDED. The agenda was APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes of the April 11, 2012 Meeting

Dr. Anthony MOVED approval of the minutes and Dr. Smith SECONDED. The minutes were APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of Proposal for Undergraduate Admission Policy Changes

Dr. Hodum explained the reason for the change in the undergraduate admissions policy change. (See attached proposal.) The change was approved and mandated by TBR in May 2012, but requires each university to submit the change to TBR for approval. The proposed change is to remove the admission requirement that specific high school courses must be completed prior to admission to TTU. TTU would have flexibility to consider student applications on a case by case basis to determine if they would be admitted and/or what provisional conditions might pertain. Dr. Hodum MOVED approval and Dr. Darvennes SECONDED. After a brief discussion, the proposal was APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of Proposals for Revisions to the MBA Admissions Requirements

Dr. Timmerman stated that one proposal is to change the graduate catalog for graduate admissions requirements for the MBA Program to allow applicants to take the GRE or the GMAT for admission consideration. (See attached proposal.) Currently TTU only accepts the GMAT. The GRE is taken and accepted more across other MBA programs. Dr. Kharif MOVED approval and Dr. Darvennes SECONDED. The proposal was APPROVED unanimously.

The second proposal Dr. Timmerman presented is to allow applicants with advanced degrees to be able to request a waiver of the GRE/GMAT test requirement for the MBA Program. (See attached proposal.) The waiver is not guaranteed and the request must be made in writing. The decision will be made by the MBA Exceptions Committee. GRE and GMAT scores are only valid for five years. Dr. Jordan-Wagner MOVED approval and Dr. Kharif SECONDED. The proposal was APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of Proposal for a New Concentration in EXPW

Dr. LaNise Rosemond explained the proposal for a new graduate concentration in Sport Management in the M.A. degree program in EXPW. (See attached proposal.) There is a demand for non-traditional students currently working as leaders in the sport and recreation fields. The online degree program concentration will allow students to take courses while working full-time. Six new courses will be added to the program and students will do an internship. Dr. Smith MOVED approval and Dr. Kharif SECONDED. After further discussion, the proposal was APPROVED unanimously.

Such Other Matters

None

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20pm

APPROVED November 7, 2012

Carol Holley, Recorder

Documents on file with the minutes:

Proposals from Undergraduate Admissions, MBA Admissions, and EXPW