

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY

March 25, 2020

The Academic Council met at 3:35 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 via Zoom videoconferencing technology, with Dr. Linda Null, Chairperson, presiding.

The following members of the council were present:

Dr. Thomas Payne	Dr. Lee Ann Shipley
Dr. Jennifer Shank	Dr. Barbara Jared
Dr. Mike Gotcher	Dr. Matt Langford
Dr. Darron Smith	Dr. Troy Smith
Dr. Douglas Airhart	Dr. Linda Null
Dr. Troy Brachey	Dr. Barry Stein
Dr. Lori Maxwell	Dr. Brian O'Connor
Dr. Mark Melichar	Mr. David Hajdik
Dr. Christine Miller	Dr. Chris Brown
Dr. Zac Wilcox	Ms. Courtney Fowler
Dr. Lisa Zagumny	Dr. Christine Miller
Dr. Kristine Craven	Prof. Kim Winkle
Dr. Paul Semmes	Ms. Nia Buntin
Dr. Doug Bates	Mr. Craig Harrison
Dr. David Larimore	Dr. David Larimore
Dr. Holly Stretz	

Others present were: Dr. Lori Bruce, Dr. Sharon Huo, Dr. Mark Stephens, Dr. Brandon Johnson, Dr. Jeremy Wendt, Kate Nicewicz, Dr. Melinda Anderson, Dr. Jeff Boles, Dr. Wendy Mullen, Dr. Richard Rand, Dr. Doug Talbert, and Dr. Jessica Oswalt for Dr. Joseph Slater. The following members of the Council were absent:

Dr. Christy Killman	Dr. Yun Ding
Dr. Susan Lanningham	Dr. Mary Matthews
Mr. Zac Brown	

Summary of Proceedings

1. Approval of the Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes of the February 05, 2020 Meeting
3. Revision of Admissions & Credits Committee Procedures
4. Revision of the University Research Advisory Committee Procedures
5. College of Business, Add a Fast Track option for MAcc students
6. Curriculum & Instruction, Create a new graduate level certificate and licensure endorsement for Computer Science
7. Curriculum & Instruction, New Applied Behavior Analysis concentration at the Ed.S. level
8. Department of Accounting, Remove the letter of recommendation requirement from the Master of Accountancy Application
9. Curriculum & Instruction, New Comprehensive/Interventionist Concentration

10. Curriculum & Instruction, New Computer Science Education Concentration
11. Department of Accounting, New Accounting Minor Proposal
12. Department of Counseling & Psychology, New Human Behavior Data Analytics
13. School of Art, Craft & Design, New Dual-Studio Concentration
14. School of Art, Craft & Design, New Studio Art Minor
15. School of Music, New Music History, Music Performance, Music Technology, Music Theory & Composition Minor and Minor Name Changes
16. School of Human Ecology, New Family Sciences Minor
17. School of Human Ecology, New Child and Family Trauma Informed Care Certificate
18. Department of Computer Science, Termination of Software and Scientific Applications Concentration
19. Such Other Matters
20. Adjourn

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Approved the agenda

Dr. Holly Stretz MOVED approval and Dr. Richard Rand SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of Minutes from February 05, 2020

Dr. Holly Stretz MOVED approval and Dr. Mike Gotcher SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Revision of Admissions & Credits Committee Procedures

Dr. Brandon Johnson stated that the procedures required updated verbiage to follow current practices. After minimal discussion, Dr. Brandon Johnson MOVED approval and Dr. Holly Stretz SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Revision of the University Research Advisory Committee Procedures

Dr. Jeff Boles stated that the procedures were updated to reflect implementation of the Tech Tomorrow Strategic Plan; the previous version contained information from the Flight Plan. After minimal discussion, Dr. Lisa Zagumny MOVED approval and Dr. Paul Semmes SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

College of Business, Add a Fast Track option for MAcc students

Ms. Kate Nicewicz stated that the College of Business requests to add an option for students participating in the MAcc program to the Request for Fast Track Credit form. After minimal discussion, Dr. Lisa Zagumny MOVED approval and Dr. Holly Stretz SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Curriculum & Instruction, Create a new graduate level certificate and licensure endorsement for Computer Science

Dr. Jeremy Wendt stated that this new program enables Tennessee Tech University to offer license endorsements to preservice and ins-service teachers, while promoting and integrating computer science education in the K-12 environment. After minimal discussion, Dr. Lisa Zagumny MOVED approval and Dr. Barry Stein SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Curriculum & Instruction, New Applied Behavior Analysis concentration at the Ed.S.

Dr. Jeremy Wendt stated that this concentration offers graduate level students the opportunity to continue their education in a growing field. Practitioners and scholars of varied backgrounds may benefit from completing this coursework, as principles and concepts are applied across many settings. It may serve beneficial to those who have already obtained a master's level graduate degree but would like to expand their knowledge-base and professional practice. After minimal discussion, Dr. Lisa Zagumny MOVED approval and Dr. Barry Stein SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Department of Accounting, Remove the letter of recommendation requirement from the Master of Accountancy Application

Kate Nicewicz stated that such letters are rarely used in the decision-making process and are often a stumbling block to quick acceptance to a program. The removal of this requirement is based upon the belief that this requirement of a letter of recommendation does not provide significant evidence that informs the decision-making process. After minimal discussion, Dr. Holly Stretz MOVED approval and Dr. Lisa Zagumny SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Curriculum & Instruction, New Comprehensive/Interventionist Concentration
Withdrawn

Dr. Jeremy Wendt stated that this new concentration will empower undergraduate candidates to teach all aspects of children with special needs across multiple Tennessee licensure levels. These options will increase the marketability and job placement opportunities of graduates in an already high-demand field. In addition to updated curriculum that aligns more closely to licensure standards, new coursework will better prepare pre-service teachers for a successful career in the Special Education field. After minimal discussion, Dr. Lisa Zagumny MOVED approval and Dr. Barry Stein SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Curriculum & Instruction, New Computer Science Education Concentration

Dr. Jeremy Wendt stated that this new program enables Tennessee Tech University to offer license endorsements to preservice and ins-service teachers, while promoting and integrating computer science education in the K-12 environment. After minimal discussion, Dr. Lisa Zagumny MOVED approval and Dr. Barry Stein SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Department of Accounting, New Accounting Minor Proposal

Kate Nicewicz stated students will be allowed to complete a minor in Accounting by completing 15 hours of courses. After minimal discussion, Dr. Lisa Zagumny MOVED approval and Dr. Troy Smith SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Department of Counseling & Psychology, New Human Behavior Data Analytics Certificate

Dr. Barry Stein stated that Psychology majors have to receive extensive training in applied statistics, research design, and the interpretation of statistical relationships in human behavior. After minimal discussion, Dr. Barry Stein MOVED approval and Dr. Lisa Zagumny SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

School of Art, Craft & Design, New Dual-Studio Concentration

Kimberly Winkle stated that this concentration is the result of increased student interest in pursuing creative inquiry in more than a single studio. After minimal discussion, Prof. Kim Winkle MOVED approval and Dr. Lisa Zagumny SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

School of Art, Craft & Design, New Studio Art Minor

Kimberly Winkle stated that by adding the new minor, they will be able to serve the educational interests of a wider range of students while better ensuring financial aid coverage. After minimal discussion, Prof. Kim Winkle MOVED approval and Dr. Troy Smith SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

School of Music, New Music History, Music Performance, Music Technology, Music Theory & Composition Minor and Minor Name Changes

Dr. Matthew Younglove stated that the objective of re-tooling the music minor is to make this program and these courses more attractive to students in other degree programs. After minimal discussion, Dr. Lisa Zagumny MOVED approval and Dr. Barry Stein SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

School of Human Ecology, New Family Sciences Minor

Dr. Melinda Anderson stated that this minor is designed to provide an overview of the ecological framework of family theory, in order to complement existing course content for students who will be working with children and families in a variety of job settings. After minimal discussion, Dr. Douglas Airhart MOVED approval and Dr. Lisa Zagumny SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

School of Human Ecology, New Child and Family Trauma Informed Care Certificate

Dr. Melinda Anderson stated that Tennessee Tech students who are obtaining a degree in any health or human sciences focused degree would benefit from a certificate in Trauma Informed Care. After minimal discussion, Dr. Lisa Zagumny MOVED approval and Dr. Douglas Airhart SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Department of Computer Science, Termination of Software and Scientific Applications Concentration

Dr. Doug Talbert stated that students who do not declare a concentration are placed in the software concentration. In this new structure, students would be placed into the Computer Science core major program. After minimal discussion, Dr. Lisa Zagumny MOVED approval and Dr. Barry Stein SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously

Such Other Matters

Nominations for Chair of Academic Council and procedures for electronic voting were discussed.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

APPROVED April 15, 2020

Elizabeth Sofia, Recorder

Documents on file with the minutes:

All documents presented at the meeting

