

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY
April 12, 2017

The Academic Council met at 3:35pm on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 in Derryberry Hall Deans' Conference Room with Prof. Barbara Jared, Chairperson, presiding.

The following members of the Council were present:

Dr. Darrell Hoy	Dr. Tammy Boles
Dr. Paul Semmes	Dr. Ann Hellman
Dr. Jennifer Shank	Prof. Barbara Jared
Dr. Mike Gotcher	Dr. Chris Brown
Dr. Doug Bates	Dr. Corinne Darvennes
Dr. Douglas Airhart	Dr. Troy Smith
Dr. Lee Ann Shipley	Dr. Linda Null
Dr. Jordana Navarro	Dr. Jeremy Wendt
Dr. Christine Miller	Dr. Brian O'Connor
Dr. Jeremy Hansen	Dr. David Larimore
Dr. Christy Killman	Ms. Kristen Vargas
Dr. Stephen Idem	

Dr. Lori Maxwell represented Dr. Jim Raymondo and Mr. Alex Martin represented Ms. Miranda Stoltz. The following were also present:

Dr. Julie Baker	Dr. Ted Pelton
Dr. Jason Beach	Dr. Kristen Pickering
Dr. Scott Christen	Dr. Robby Sanders
Dr. Bill Eberle	Dr. Barry Stein
Dr. Bahman Ghorashi	Dr. Mark Stephens
Dr. Sharon Huo	Dr. Melinda Swafford
Dr. Hayden Mattingly	

The following members were absent:

Dr. Liz Mullens	Dr. Jim Raymondo
Dr. Tom Payne	Ms. Miranda Stoltz
Dr. Elizabeth Propes	Ms. Rachel Baker
Dr. Ismet Anitsal	Ms. Hope Duke
Dr. Holly Stretz	

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Approved the agenda

Approved the minutes of the February 22, 2017 meeting

Approved reports for committees reporting to Academic Council

Approved three concentration name changes in English

Approved concentration name change in Communication

Approved proposal for on-line concentration in Sociology

Approved moving B.S. degree in Psychology

Approved concentration name change in EXPW
Approved revisions to on-line MA program in EXPW
Approved new concentration in C&I
Approved changing a concentration to a stand-alone degree in C&I
Approved three changes in Environmental Sciences programs
Approved non-thesis option for MS in Chemical Engineering
Approved new academic unit for College of Fine Arts
Approved Policy No. 204 Faculty Appointments
Approved revisions to Policy No. 218 Grade Appeals
Elected chairperson for 2017-18

PROCEEDINGS

Approval of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes of the February 22, 2017 Meeting

Dr. Wendt MOVE approval and Dr. Killman SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of Reports for Committees Reporting to Academic Council

Dr. Wendt MOVED approval of all the reports as a whole and Dr. Killman SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of Proposals for Concentrations in English MA Program

Dr. Pelton stated that the MA program has been a low-producing program. To increase enrollment, they want to add three new concentrations: Creative Writing, Professional and Technical Communication, and Literature. Dr. Null MOVED approval and Dr. Semmes SECONDED. APPROVED all three unanimously.

Approval of Concentration Name Change in Communication

Dr. Scott Christen, representing Dr. Brenda Wilson, stated the request is to change the current concentration name from Speech Communication to Communication Studies. This change will align TTU's program with others across the state and reflects the actual concentration. Dr. Semmes MOVED approval and Dr. Larimore SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of Proposal for On-line Concentration in Sociology

Dr. Lori Maxwell, representing Dr. Jim Raymondo, stated the request is to offer an accelerated on-line version of their on-ground major in Sociology with a concentration in Criminal Justice. The program content and requirements will be the same as the current on-ground program which will continue to be offered. Dr. Gotcher MOVED approval and Dr. Semmes SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of Proposal to Move B.S. Degree in Psychology

Dr. Stein stated that the request is to move the B.S. Degree in Psychology to the College of Education where the Department of Counseling and Psychology is housed. This change does not involve or require any changes to the admission or degree requirements for this degree. When the undergraduate psychology program was created, the major was placed in the College of Arts

and Science and the faculty were located in the College of Education. The faculty have reevaluated this arrangement and determined it is in the best interest of the students for the degree to be housed in the same college as the faculty. This change will simplify student access to information about the program and will directly connect student advisement, recruitment, and other administrative actions with the appropriate college. Dr. Wendt MOVED approval and Dr. Killman SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of Concentration Name Change in EXPW

Dr. Killman stated that for several years Athletic Training has been listed as a concentration in EXPW. This course was never taught due to lack of accreditation. In January 2017, CAATE changed the requirement for potential athletic trainers to have a Master's Degree before they can sit for the certification exam. Changing the concentration to Pre-Athletic Training will prepare the students to get into an accredited advanced program; providing opportunities for students that did not exist in the program previously. Dr. Killman MOVED approval and Dr. Wendt SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of Proposal to Revise Admission Requirement for On-line MA Program in EXPW

Dr. Killman stated the proposed changes in admission requirements will provide flexibility in seeking and admitting well qualified MA candidates into the on-line Master of Arts in Exercise Science program and help ensure they are successful and finish the program. It increases the GPA from a minimum of 2.5 to 2.75, waive entrance exam with passing score on EDTPA and minimum 3.0 GPA, and minimum MAT score of 370 for provisional and 380 for full standing. Dr. Killman MOVED approval and Dr. Wendt SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of Proposal for New Concentration for Family and Consumer Sciences

Dr. Wendt stated the request is to establish a new concentration within the existing C&I Master's and Educational Specialist degree program. There is an increased demand for Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) teachers in middle and high schools and cooperative extension programs. Students who complete this concentration will be able to successfully pass the PRAXIS content exam in FCS. This will be a collaboration with the College of Education and the School of Human Ecology. Dr. Wendt MOVED approval and Dr. Shipley SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of Proposal in Elementary Education

Dr. Wendt stated the request is to create a stand-alone degree from a current concentration. The BS in Multidisciplinary Studies with a concentration in Elementary Education would transition to a BS in Elementary Education. This change is being driven by the changes in teacher licensure, accreditation, and promotional needs. Dr. Wendt MOVED approval and Dr. Killman SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of Proposals for Environmental Sciences

Dr. Mattingly explained the three changes as follows: (1) Change admissions requirements for the Environmental Sciences Ph.D. degree program to GRE scores of at least 300 quantitative and verbal and 3.5 analytical writing. (2) Fast-track professional science Master's Degree in Environmental Informatics for undergraduate students to earn credit toward the graduate level PSM. (3) Admissions requirements changes for the PSM-Environmental Informatics degree

program are updated and unified to be standard across the concentration. Dr. Darvennes MOVED approval and Dr. Boles SECONDED. APPROVED all three unanimously.

Approval of Proposal for Non-Thesis Option for MS in Chemical Engineering

Dr. Sanders stated that the MS-CHE program of study with a non-thesis option requires a minimum of 34 credit hours of course work and students should pass a written comprehensive exam administered by the department. This aligns with the non-thesis option in Electrical and Computer Engineering. Dr. Hoy MOVED approval and Dr. Darvennes SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of Proposal for a New Academic Unit: College of Fine Arts

Dr. Shank stated there have been numerous discussions and conversations with the departments in the College of Education on better ways to function and serve our students. Discussions and meetings also took place with the college faculty and Faculty Senate. The proposal is to create a new academic unit for the College of Fine Arts. This college would consist of the School of Art, Craft and Design and the Music Department. If the new college is approved, the Music Department name will later be requested to change to the School of Music. The three departments of Counseling and Psychology, Curriculum and Instruction and Exercise Science and Physical Education will remain under the College of Education. Each school or departments existing budget will be allocated under the appropriate college. Additional new costs for the two colleges of \$100,500 were approved by the University. Dr. Larimore MOVED approval and Dr. Killman SECONDED. There was discussion on advising staying the same, sharing technology resources, the Department of Teacher Education continuing to support all the units, and future collaborations for the new college. This proposal requires TTU Board and THEC approval. The desire is for the change to be effective August 1, 2017. APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of New Policy No. 204 Faculty Appointments

Dr. Null stated the policy defines the type of faculty appointments. The Coordinator Appointments was removed as TTU does not have faculty in this category. Dr. Null MOVED approval and Dr. Darvennes SECONDED. There was discussion regarding the Lecturer position and their promotion and voting privileges. These will be addressed in the revised Tenure and Promotion policies. APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of Revisions to Policy No. 218 Grade Appeals

Dr. Stephens stated that the revision is to section III.B.4.a.i. – the five member composition of the committee must include a student. Dr. Null MOVED approval and Dr. Gotcher SECONDED. After some discussion and a request to put this policy on hold and review later, the policy revision was APPROVED with one person abstaining.

Election of Chairperson for 2017-18

Dr. Troy Smith stated that he, Dr. Hansen and Dr. Miller composed the nominating committee and nominate Dr. Jim Raymondo (with his consent) as chairperson for 2017-18. Dr. Null MOVED election by acclamation and Dr. Darvennes SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously. Amendment: Dr. Raymondo's term on the Council expires this year and he did not wish to seek reelection. On May 3, a nominating committee of Dr. Troy Smith, Dr. Christine Miller, and Dr.

Jeremy Hansen recommended Dr. Linda Null as 2017-18 Academic Council Chair. An email vote was requested and members responded electing Dr. Null as chair.

Such Other Matters

Thanks were given to Carol Holley and Prof. Barbara Jared for their service to the Council, as well as thanks from SGA for the Councils work. Dr. Killman stated that EXPW course PHED 1560 is actually PHED 1540.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35pm

Carol Holley, Recorder

APPROVED October 11, 2017

Documents on file with the minutes:

All reports, proposals, and policies presented at the meeting