

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY
November 11, 2015

The Academic Council met at 3:35pm on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 in Derryberry Hall Deans' Conference Room with Prof. Barbara Jared, Chairperson, presiding.

The following members of the Council were present:

Dr. Doug Bates	Dr. Troy Smith
Dr. Darrell Hoy	Dr. Linda Null
Dr. Paul Semmes	Dr. Jeremy Wendt
Dr. Liz Mullens	Dr. Brian O'Connor
Dr. Jordana Navarro	Dr. David Larimore
Dr. Elizabeth Propes	Dr. Jim Raymondo
Dr. Steve Isbell	Dr. Janet Isbell
Dr. Jeremy Hansen	Dr. Corinne Darvennes
Dr. Christy Killman	Mr. Connor Hodge
Dr. Tammy Boles	Ms. Micayla Holton
Prof. Barbara Jared	

Prof. Becky Turpin represented Prof. Sue Piras and Dr. Natarajan represented Dr. Tom Payne. Others present were Dr. Halina Ablamowicz, Mr. Michael Aikens, Dr. Steve Canfield, Dr. Glenn James, Dr. Joe Roberts, Dr. Steve Sharpe, Dr. Mark Stephens, Dr. Doug Talbert, and Dr. Ken Wiant. The following members were absent:

Dr. Tom Payne	Dr. Ismet Anitsal
Dr. Bobby Hodum	Dr. Stephen Idem
Dr. Jennifer Shank	Dr. Holly Stretz
Dr. Melissa Geist	Prof. Sue Piras
Dr. Lee Ann Shipley	Mr. Connor Hodge
Dr. Janice Branson	Ms. Nickole Anderson

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Approved the agenda

Approved the minutes of the October 14, 2015 meeting

Approved the Policy on Faculty Evaluation of Administrators

Approved proposal for new data concentration in Computer Science

Approved proposal for new concentration in TESOL in Professional Studies

Approved proposal for curriculum modification in Speech

Approved proposal for a certificate in innovation and entrepreneurship

Approved proposal for flight path and fast track options in Curriculum and Instruction

PROCEEDINGS

Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Wendt MOVED approval and Ms. Holton SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes of the October 14, 2015 Meeting

Dr. Darvennes MOVED approval and Mr. Russell SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of Policy on Faculty Evaluation of Administrators

Dr. Stephens spoke on behalf of Dr. Huo. The Council approved at the October meeting to change section III.A. to include the administrators currently listed on the University's Senior Administration website. The revised policy is being presented for approval. Dr. Propes MOVED approval and Dr. Darvennes SECONDED.

Dr. Glenn James presented information on the evaluation process and past response rates and requested the Council table the vote to allow him time to discuss this further with the subcommittee. After questions and discussion, Dr. Hoy MOVED to table the policy and Dr. Larimore SECONDED. The vote was 14 yes, 4 no, and 2 abstentions.

On November 16, Academic Council Chair Barbara Jared sent an email to all Council members stating the Provost wanted the faculty to have an opportunity to vote on this policy at the University Assembly on November 18. The change in evaluation of administrators was initiated by faculty when faculty voiced a concern that they were not allowed to evaluate administrators that were evaluated by faculty in the past. Dr. Steve Isbell MOVED approval of the email vote to reconsider this policy as presented at the Academic Council meeting November 11 and Dr. Navarro SECONDED. The vote was 17 yes, 2 no, and 1 abstention. The policy was presented and approved at the University Assembly meeting.

Approval of Proposal for a New Data Concentration in Computer Science

Dr. Talbert stated this new concentration is to provide a career path for TTU students to obtain a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science with Data Science concentration, which aligns with the THEC CIP titled Informatics. There is a demand for this in industry. Dr. Darvennes MOVED approval and Dr. Steve Isbell SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of Proposal for a New Concentration in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) in the School of Professional Studies

Dr. Sharpe explained the use of TESOL certificate and concentration. They are designed to meet an on-going demand for both initial preparation and continuing education for individuals who plan to teach or are currently teaching English as a second/foreign language in various educational settings. This program would also meet the needs of non-native teachers of English in other countries looking to receive additional English language and pedagogical training from an American university. This program is not for students seeking an ESL endorsement for teaching in U.S. public schools. Dr. Larimore MOVED to amend the acronym TESOL stating it would be confusing to the ESL in public schools. There was no second for this motion. Dr. Boles MOVED approval of the proposal as presented and Dr. Darvennes SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of Proposal for Substantive Curriculum Modification in the Speech Program

Dr. Ablamowicz explained that the TTU Speech Program was created in 2007 when the Communication area was part of the English Department. Now that Communication is a separate department with new faculty and new courses in the curriculum, they want to revise the current program of study in order to accommodate the changes. This is to provide students with

options to meet their interests in the field and make the program more competitive and attractive to prospective majors. Dr. Null MOVED approval and Dr. Semmes SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously with a few minor editorial changes.

Approval of Proposal for a Certificate in Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Dr. Steve Canfield presented the proposal to establish an Innovation and Entrepreneurship Certificate as an interdisciplinary program of study designed to provide students with the tools necessary to incorporate entrepreneurship and innovation in every field of study. The student can earn the certificate in conjunction with their university degree and it would be issued by the College of Interdisciplinary Studies. Students will complete the requirements in each of four categories: Innovation and Creative Product Design, Entrepreneurial Perspective, Subject Matter Expert, and Evidence. Dr. Steve Isbell MOVED approval and Dr. Darvennes SECONDED. After some questions and discussion, the proposal was APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of Proposal for Flight Path and Fast Track Options in Curriculum and Instruction

Dr. Wendt stated this is similar to other flight path plans to encourage undergraduate students to continue their graduate program at TTU by allowing qualified students to take graduate courses while in their undergraduate program. Dr. Wendt MOVED approval and Dr. Steve Isbell SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

There were no Such Other Matters and the meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.

APPROVED February 24, 2016

Carol Holley, Recorder

Documents on file with the minutes:

- Policy on Faculty Evaluation of Administrators and email correspondence and votes
- Proposal for New Data Concentration in Computer Science
- Proposal for New Concentration in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
- Proposal for Substantive Curriculum Modification in the Speech Program
- Proposal for a Certificate in Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Proposal for Flight Path and Fast Track Options in Curriculum and Instruction