

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY
November 13, 2013

The Academic Council met at 3:35pm on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 in the Deans' Conference Room of Derryberry Hall with Dr. Steve Isbell, Chairperson, presiding.

The following members of the Council were present:

Dr. Paul Semmes	Dr. Doug Talbert
Dr. Matt Smith	Dr. Tammy Boles
Dr. Liz Self-Mullens	Prof. Barbara Jared
Dr. Bobby Hodum	Dr. Janet Isbell
Dr. Bruce Greene	Dr. Corinne Darvennes
Dr. Lee Ann Shipley	Dr. Daniel Badoe
Dr. Susan Laningham	Dr. Wali Kharif
Dr. Jeff Roberts	Dr. Brian O'Connor
Dr. Steve Isbell	Dr. Queen Ogbomo
Dr. Martha Howard	Ms. Emily McDonald
Dr. Michael Phillips	Ms. Sara Lockett

Others present were Dr. Melinda Anderson, Dr. Steve Seiler, Dr. Barry Stein, and Ms. Beth Rogers. Mr. Alex Martin represented Mr. Robbie Lindstrom. The following members were absent:

Dr. Melissa Geist	Prof. Sue Piras
Dr. James Jordan-Wagner	Dr. Linda Null
Dr. Doug Bates	Dr. Holly Anthony
Dr. Roy Loutzenheiser	Mr. Robbie Lindstrom
Dr. Ismet Anitsal	Mr. Michael Wise
Dr. Charles Carnal	

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Approved the agenda

Approved the minutes of the October 16, 2013 meeting

Noted prior approval for changes to the faculty research committee grant program

Approved child life concentration in Human Ecology

Denied changes to admission requirements for Sociology and Political Science

Approved course prefixes and descriptions for Counseling and Psychology

PROCEEDINGS

Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Smith MOVED approval of the agenda and Ms. Lockett SECONDED. The agenda was APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes of the October 16, 2013 Meeting

Dr. Janet Isbell MOVED approval of the minutes and Ms. McDonald SECONDED. The minutes were APPROVED unanimously.

Prior approval of changes to the Faculty Research Committee Grant Program

Dr. Isbell stated that an email vote was conducted on October 9, 2013 requesting approval for changes to the Faculty Research Committee Grant Program (see attached email and requested changes). Twenty council members voted to approve the changes, which is a majority vote.

Approval of Child Life Option to a Concentration in Human Ecology

Dr. Shipley explained the request to change the Child Life option to a concentration (see attached proposal). Changing the option to a concentration will allow Child Life students to be tracked easier for enrollment and retention purposes, and the concentration will be displayed on their transcripts. Dr. Shipley MOVED approval and Dr. Greene SECONDED. After a brief discuss, the proposal was APPROVED unanimously.

Denied Changes to Admission Requirements for Sociology and Political Science

Dr. Seiler represented Dr. Raymondo and explained the reason for the changes in the admission requirements for the department (see attached proposal). The requested change is for incoming freshmen admitted as a Sociology or Political Science major to be required to have an ACT composite score of 18 or higher. Dr. Semmes MOVED approval and Ms. McDonald SECONDED. After much discussion and questions, the proposal was DENIED unanimously. It was noted that the Provost has formed an Ad Hoc committee to review all university admission standards. Their first meeting is scheduled for November 26, 2013.

Approved Course Prefixes and Descriptions for Counseling and Psychology

Dr. Stein stated that these changes were requested by CACREP in their initial review for the application for accreditation (see attached proposal). All these courses are already in existence. Students will be in higher demand coming from a program with this accreditation. Dr. Smith MOVED approval and Dr. Roberts SECONDED. After a brief discussion, the proposal was APPROVED unanimously.

There being no Such Other Matters, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55pm.

Carol Holley, Recorder

APPROVED FEBRUARY 19, 2014

Documents on file with the minutes:

- Email vote and changes to faculty research committee grant program
- Child Life concentration proposal
- Sociology and Political Science admission changes proposal
- Counseling and Psychology course prefixes and description proposal