

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY
October 11, 2017

The Academic Council met at 3:35pm on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 in Derryberry Hall Deans' Conference Room with Dr. Linda Null, Chairperson, presiding.

The following members of the Council were present:

Dr. Darrell Hoy	Dr. Brian O'Connor
Dr. Paul Semmes	Dr. David Larimore
Dr. Tom Payne	Mr. David Hajdik
Dr. Doug Bates	Dr. Chris Brown
Dr. Lee Ann Shipley	Dr. Corinne Darvennes
Dr. Douglas Airhart	Dr. Troy Smith
Dr. Troy Brachey	Dr. Linda Null
Dr. Lori Maxwell	Dr. Jeremy Wendt
Dr. Jeremy Hansen	Ms. Rachel Baker
Dr. Christy Killman	Ms. Hope Duke
Dr. Holy Stretz	

Ms. Tea Phillips represented Ms. Alicen Long and Mr. Lucas Patterson represented Mr. Austin Thomas. Others present were: Dr. Bharat Soni, Dr. Francis Otuonye, Ms. Amy Hill, Dr. Sharon Huo, and Ms. Elizabeth Sofia. The following members were absent:

Dr. Leslie Crickenberger	Dr. Stephen Idem
Dr. Jennifer Shank	Dr. Tammy Boles
Dr. Mike Gotcher	Dr. Barbara Jared
Dr. Liz Mullens	Dr. Ann Hellman
Dr. Ismet Anitsal	Ms. Alicen Long
Dr. Christine Miller	Mr. Austin Thomas

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Approved the agenda

Approved the minutes of the April 12, 2017 meeting

Approved revisions to Policy No. 735 Conflict of Interest in Research

Withdrew new Policy No. 780 Misconduct in Research

Approved revisions to Policy No. 224 Academic Actions Notification

Removed Policy No. 274 Graduate Assistantships from agenda

Approved revisions to Academic Council Procedures

PROCEEDINGS

Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Stretz MOVED approval and Dr. Killman SECONDED. Dr. Null stated that agenda item #6 regarding revisions to Policy No. 274 Graduate Assistantships should be removed from the agenda as it has not been approved via Policy Tech. With this change in the agenda, it was APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes of the April 12, 2017 Meeting

Dr. Stretz MOVED approval and Dr. Troy Smith SECONDED. Dr. Null stated that the minutes should be amended to reflect the correct chair for the Council. Dr. Raymondo was elected chair of the Academic Council for 2017-18. However, his term on the Council expired in the spring and he did not wish to seek reelection. A nominating committee selected Dr. Linda Null. An email vote was conducted and approved for Dr. Null to chair the Academic Council for 2017-18. With the noted amendment, the minutes were APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of Revisions to Policy No. 735 Conflict of Interest in Research

Dr. Darvennes MOVED approval and Dr. Larimore SECONDED. Dr. Soni stated that the revisions were to remove reference to TBR policies and replace with Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and TTU policies. Other changes were editorial. APPROVED unanimously.

New Policy No. 780 Misconduct in Research

Dr. Darvennes MOVED approval and Mr. Patterson SECONDED. Dr. Soni explained that this is a new policy and procedures for the process of misconduct in research. A flow chart defines the process. After much discussion and questions centered around Section VI. B. and C. regarding the complainant and the respondent, Dr. Soni withdrew the policy and will resubmit after further clarification. Dr. Darvennes withdrew her motion and the policy will be resubmitted at the next meeting.

Approval of Revisions to Policy No. 224 Academic Actions Notification

Dr. Stretz MOVED approval and Dr. Killman SECONDED. Dr. Huo stated that the revisions are to make the existing policy consistent with THEC. The policy only requires THEC approval and not TTU Board approval. The Board will be informed of changes sent to THEC and they will appear on the program inventory. APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of Revisions to Academic Council Procedures

Dr. Darvennes MOVED approval and Dr. Killman SECONDED. Dr. Null stated Dr. Barbara Jared was scheduled to present the revisions, but was not able to attend the meeting. The review of the procedures was conducted by Dr. Null, Dr. Jared, and Dr. Larimore. There were several editorial changes and removal or changes in outdated information. With the establishment of the new College of Fine Arts, the membership composition was increased by two faculty. The additional faculty will be effective Spring 2018. A friendly amendment was made to change Tennessee Technological University to Tennessee Tech University. APPROVED unanimously.

Such Other Matters

There being no such other matters, the meeting adjourned at 4:15pm.

Carol Holley, Recorder

APPROVED NOVEMBER 15, 2017

Documents on file with the minutes:

All policies and procedures presented at the meeting