

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY
October 14, 2015

The Academic Council met at 3:35pm on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 in Derryberry Hall Deans' Conference Room with Prof. Barbara Jared, Chairperson, presiding.

The following members of the Council were present:

Dr. Thomas Payne	Prof. Barbara Jared
Dr. Doug Bates	Dr. Troy Smith
Dr. Bobby Hodum	Dr. Linda Null
Dr. Darrell Hoy	Dr. Jeremy Wendt
Dr. Paul Semmes	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	Ms. Micayla Holton
Dr. Stephen Idem	

Dr. Melinda Swafford represented Dr. Liz Mullens and Mr. Logan Smith represented Mr. Nick Russell. Others present were Dr. Jie Cui, Dr. Mohan Rao, Dr. Mark Loftis, Dr. Joe Rencis, Dr. Huey-Ming Tzeng, and Dr. Bahman Ghorashi. The following members were absent:

Dr. Jennifer Shank	Dr. Holly Stretz
Dr. Melissa Geist	Dr. Tammy Boles
Dr. Liz Mullens	Prof. Sue Piras
Dr. Lee Ann Shipley	Mr. Nick Russell
Dr. Janice Branson	Mr. Connor Hodge
Dr. Ismet Anitsal	Ms. Nickole Anderson

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Approved the agenda

Approved the minutes of the September 9, 2015 meeting

Approved concentration name change in Counseling and Psychology

Approved request for 1+1 MS degree program in Engineering

Approved proposal for an Engineering program with TTU and ETSU

Approved proposal for a DNP Nursing program with TTU and ETSU

Approved recommended changes for the policy on faculty evaluation of administrators

PROCEEDINGS

Approval of the Agenda

Prof. Jared requested item #6 be moved to item #3 as Dr. Mark Loftis who is presenting this item has class. Dr. Wendt MOVED approval with the change and Dr. Darvennes SECONDED.

APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes of the September 9, 2015 Meeting

Dr. Darvennes MOVED approval and Dr. Propes SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously

Approval of Name Change for a Concentration in Counseling and Psychology

Dr. Mark Loftis represented Dr. Barry Stein and stated the request is to change the concentration name *Mental Health Counseling* to *Clinical Mental Health Counseling*. The change is needed to be consistent with CACREP nomenclature and to be consistent with the accreditation the program has attained. The change will be effective January 2016. Name changes now require 30 day review by TBR, therefore, the Academic Council must approve prior to submitting to TBR. Previously this was just an information item for the Council. Dr. Wendt MOVED approval and Dr. Killman SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Request for 1+1 MS Degree Program in Engineering

Dr. Cui stated this request was tabled at the September meeting to allow Mechanical Engineering faculty to discuss and approve the 15 credit hours to be transferred. Dr. Cui stated the faculty have approved the credit hours. Dr. Hoy MOVED approval and Dr. Propes SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of Proposal for an Engineering Program with TTU and ETSU

This proposal was tabled at the April 15, 2015 Academic Council meeting. Dr. Hoy explained the history of the proposal with the original discussions for this joint degree with ETSU. The memo detailing the origination and process for this joint program is on file with these minutes. As a joint degree, students who complete the program will receive a diploma bearing the signatures and seals of both institutions. The proposed program meets all accreditation/residency requirements of ABET, SACSCOC, ETSU, and TTU. The proposal was approved by ETSU's Academic Council last week. Dr. Hoy MOVED approval and Dr. Semmes SECONDED. After several questions regarding budget, funding, GAs, advising, and the curriculum, the proposal was APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of Proposal a DNP Program in Nursing with TTU and ETSU

This proposal was also tabled at the April 15, 2015 Academic Council meeting as it is a combined package with the Engineering program proposal. Dr. Tzeng stated there are some minor revisions to the proposal from the previous submission. The major revision is the change in the start date to Fall 2017. This is due to the requirements for the nursing board to approve the program after it is approved by TBR and THEC. A nursing state board site visit will be held in Spring 2016. Dr. Darvennes MOVED approval and Dr. Killman SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Report from Subcommittee Reviewing the Policy on Faculty Evaluation of University Administrators

Dr. Hodum stated the Policy on Faculty Evaluation of University Administrators was presented at the November 2014 Academic Council meeting. The Council approved a subcommittee of Dr. Talbert, Dr. Mullens, and Dr. Hodum to review the policy further; specifically section III.A.

regarding the “university-level administrators” that should be evaluated. He apologized for the delay in submitting this information to the Council. The policy states only the President and Provost will be evaluated. Dr. Hodum stated the subcommittee reviewed three options: (1) Leave the policy as is; (2) Evaluate administrators in the President’s Cabinet; or (3) Evaluate senior administrators listed on the President’s website. The subcommittee recommends options #3. Dr. Hodum MOVED approval of option #3 and Dr. Darvennes SECONDED. There was a question about future changes to the senior administrators list and how it would be maintained. After further discussion, the vote was 22 approved and 1 opposed. The motion passed. The policy with the approved recommendation will be updated and resubmitted for Council approval at the November meeting.

Such Other Matters

None

The meeting adjourned at 4:15pm.

APPROVED November 11, 2015

Carol Holley, Recorder

Documents on file with the minutes:

Memo for Counseling & Psychology concentration name change

Email and memo for 1+1 MS Degree Program in Engineering

Memo and proposal for Engineering Program with TTU & ETSU

Memo and proposal for DNP Nursing Program with TTU & ETSU