

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL  
TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY

October 9, 2019

The Academic Council met at 3:35 p.m. on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 in Derryberry Hall Deans' Conference Room with Dr. Linda Null, Chairperson, presiding.

The following members of the council were present:

Dr. Thomas Payne	Dr. Jeremy Blair
Dr. Doug Bates	Dr. Yun Ding
Dr. Joseph Slater	Dr. Mary Lou Fornehed
Dr. Paul Semmes	Dr. Matt Langford
Dr. Jennifer Shank	Dr. Troy Smith
Dr. Mike Gotcher	Dr. Linda Null
Dr. Lisa Zagumny	Dr. Brian O'Connor
Dr. Darron Smith	Dr. David Larimore
Dr. Douglas Airhart	Mr. David Hajdik
Dr. Troy Brachey	Dr. Chris Brown
Dr. Lori Maxwell	Mr. Zach Brown
Dr. Christine Miller	Ms. Courtney Fowler
Dr. Zac Wilcox	Mr. Craig Harrison
Dr. Christy Killman	

Others present were: Dr. Sharon Huo, Dr. Mark Stephens, and Dr. Brandon Johnson. Guests included Melinda Anderson. The following members of the council were absent:

Dr. Lee Ann Shipley	Ms. Mary Matthews
Dr. Mark Melichar	Dr. Barry Stein
Dr. Ben Mohr	Dr. Susan Laningham
Dr. Holly Stretz	Ms. Nia Buntin

#### SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Approved the agenda

Agenda amended to include removal of Academic Council member not attending meetings

Approved the minutes of the September 11, 2019 meeting

Outstanding Faculty Awards Committee Policy Changes Admin. (Sharon Huo)

School of Human Ecology, Termination of Concentration –Foodsystems Admin. (Dr. Melinda Anderson)

School of Human Ecology, NAPP- M.S. in Community Health and Nutrition (Dr. Melinda Anderson)

Department of Counseling & Psychology, Addition of Data Analytics Certificate (Dr. Barry Stein)

School of Art, Craft & Design, Addition of Art History Minor (Prof. Kimberly Winkle)

School of Interdisciplinary Studies, Addition of Minor in Leadership (Dr. Mike Gotcher)

School of Interdisciplinary Studies, Addition of Minor in Caregiving (Dr. Mike Gotcher)

TTU Policy 271, General Graduate Degree Requirements (Dr. Mark Stephens)

## PROCEEDINGS

### Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Killman MOVED approval and Mr. Zach Brown SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

### Agenda amended to include Consistent attendance at Academic Council Meetings

Dr. Zagumny MOVED approval and Mr. Zach Brown SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously

### Consistent attendance at Academic Council Meetings

Dr. Null stated that there was a member of the Academic Council that had not attended any of the meetings last year, nor this year. Per the Academic Council procedures, this consistent failure to attend may result in a declaration by that body that the position is vacant. Dr. Slater MOVED this declaration and Mr. Zach Brown SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

### Approval of the Minutes of the September 11, 2019 Meeting

Dr. Zagumny MOVED approval and Mr. Zach Brown SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

### Outstanding Faculty Awards Committee Policy Changes Admin. (Sharon Huo)

Dr. Huo stated that the changes were made to reflect a revised organizational structure the establishment of a new college. Dr. Zagumny MOVED approval and Mr. Zach Brown SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

### School of Human Ecology, Termination of Concentration –Foodsystems Admin. (Dr. Melinda Anderson)

Dr. Anderson stated that this termination is requested due to historically low enrollment and emerging programs at other institutions, rendering this concentration no longer feasible nor competitive. Dr. Semmes MOVED approval and Mr. Zach Brown SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

### School of Human Ecology, NAPP- M.S. in Community Health and Nutrition (Dr. Melinda Anderson)

Dr. Null asked about the method of delivery, and Dr. Anderson responded that it would be all online. With no further discussion, Dr. Zagumny MOVED approval and Mr. Zach Brown SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

### Department of Counseling & Psychology, Addition of Data Analytics Certificate (Dr. Barry Stein)

Dr. Stein MOVED approval and Mr. Zach Brown SECONDED. Dr. Payne complimented the program and its interdisciplinary nature, but questioned the name of the certificate. After much discussion, the item was sent to the floor for a vote by Dr. Zagumny. The motion failed; 8 in favor, 16 opposed.

### School of Art, Craft & Design, Addition of Art History Minor (Prof. Kimberly Winkle)

Jeremy Blair discussed the advantages to a 15-hour minor, providing more access for non-art majors. After minimal discussion, Dr. Zagumny MOVED approval and Dr. Killman SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

School of Interdisciplinary Studies, Addition of Minor in Leadership (Dr. Mike Gotcher)

Dr. Gotcher stated that this was a collaborative effort. The School of Interdisciplinary Studies in partnerships with the School of Agriculture, the Department of Communication, the Department of English, and the College of Business propose the creation of a minor in Leadership. After minimal discussion, Dr. Zagumny MOVED approval and Ms. Fowler SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

School of Interdisciplinary Studies, Addition of Minor in Caregiving (Dr. Mike Gotcher)

Dr. Gotcher stated that the School of Interdisciplinary Studies in partnership with School of Human Ecology and Religious Studies proposes the creation of a new minor in Caregiving. After minimal discussion, Dr. Gotcher MOVED approval and Dr. Payne SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

TTU Policy 271, General Graduate Degree Requirements (Dr. Mark Stephens)

Dr. Stephens stated that this policy had undergone minor revisions to provide clarity and allow students to be alerted sooner if they are at risk of dropping below a 3.0, and deemed ineligible to graduate. After minimal discussion, Mr. Zach Brown MOVED approval and Dr. Zagumny SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Such Other Matters

Meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

APPROVED November 13, 2019

Elizabeth Sofia, Recorder

Documents on file with the minutes:

All documents presented at the meeting