

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY

September 12, 2018

The Academic Council met at 3:35pm on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 in Derryberry Hall Deans' Conference Room with Dr. Linda Null, Chairperson, presiding.

The following members of the Council were present:

Dr. Thomas Payne	Dr. Barbara Jared
Dr. Doug Bates	Dr. Troy Smith
Dr. Darrell Hoy	Dr. Linda Null
Dr. Bruce Green	Dr. Barry Stein
Dr. Lee Ann Shipley	Dr. Brian O'Connor
Dr. Paul Semmes	Dr. David Larimore
Dr. Douglas Airhart	Mr. David Hajdik
Dr. Troy Brachey	Dr. Chris Brown
Dr. Christy Killman	Dr. Corinne Darvennes
Dr. Holly Stretz	
Prof. Kim Winkle	

Others present were: Dr. Mary Mathews for Dr. Jeremy Hansen, Dr. Sharon Huo, Dr. Lori Bruce, Dr. Brandon Johnson, Dr. Jessica Oswald, Ms. Kate Nicewicz, Ms. Carol Holley and Ms. Elizabeth Sofia. The following members were absent:

Dr. Mike Gotcher	Dr. Jeremy Hansen
Dr. Jennifer Shank	Dr. Tammy Boles
Dr. Lisa Zagumny	Dr. Ann Hellman
Dr. Lori Maxwell	Mr. Brad Sells
Dr. Ismet Anitsal	Ms. Madison Cole
Dr. Christine Miller	Ms. Emily Bass
Dr. Zac Wilcox	Ms. Katelynn Cammack
Dr. Ben Mohr	

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Approved the Agenda

Approved the Minutes of the April 11, 2018 Meeting

Approved the Updated Admissions Criteria, MBA

Received Information on the Updated Catalog Changes, MBA

Approved the Reading Concentration Name Change to Literacy Concentration for both Master's (M.A.) and Specialist in Education (Ed.S.) degrees

Approved the New Degree Concentration in the Exceptional Learning PhD program – Health Behavior and Wellness Education

Approved the New Academic Program Proposal – M.S. in Engineering Management

Approved the New Academic Program Proposal – Ph.D. in Counseling and Supervision

Approved the EXPW Fast Track Program in Exercise Science and Dually Listed Courses

Approved the Revisions to Policy 266 – Class Attendance

Discussed the Revisions to Policy 267 – Academic Calend

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

Approval of the Minutes of the April 11, 2018 Meeting

Dr. Stretz MOVED approval and Dr. Stein SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of the Updated Admissions Criteria, MBA

Ms. Kate Nicewitz presented the information for MBA updated admissions requirements. The College of Business Graduate Council has recently approved a new matrix-based admissions criteria for students applying to the Traditional and Hybrid MBA programs. While this matrix does not deviate from any current minimum criteria for admission to the program, it does provide students with additional pathways or admission, awarding points for higher GMAT scores, undergraduate GPAs, and prior graduate coursework. It is believed that the implementation of this matrix will increase enrollment in both the Hybrid and Traditional programs, without compromising/lowering standards for admission, and will more closely align MBA admissions standards with those of the Master of Accountancy Program. Dr. Stein MOVED approval and Dr. Killman SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Received Information on the Updated Catalog Changes, MBA

Ms. Kate Nicewicz presented information regarding catalog changes for the MBA. His was an informational item.

Approval of the Reading Concentration Name Change to Literacy Concentration for both Master's (M.A.) and Specialist in Education (Ed.S.) Degrees

Dr. Christy Killman presented the information for the Reading concentration name change to Literacy concentration for both Master's (M.A.) and Specialist in Education (Ed.S.) The degrees current professional organizations, standards, and educational institutions are transitioning from *Reading* to *Literacy* as a much broader and encompassing area of expertise. To attract new students and align with relevant emphases, the faculty has elected to update the *Reading* concentrations. This aligns with state education provider standards as well as the recently updated International Literacy Association. Dr. Killman MOVED approval and Dr. Darvennes SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of the New Degree Concentration in the Exceptional Learning PhD Program – Health Behavior and Wellness Education

Dr. Christy Killman presented information for a New Degree Concentration in the Exceptional Learning PhD Program – Health Behavior and Wellness Education. Due to increased demand for advanced degrees and additional educational opportunities for people interested in health, health education, exercise science, and human behavior related to movement and personal health and well-being, a new concentration is being proposed at the Ph.D. level to accommodate the growing interest. A minimum of 24 credit hours for the concentration will be taught by qualified faculty in the Exercise Science Department. Dr. Killman MOVED approval and Dr. Stein SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of the New Academic Program Proposal – M.S. in Engineering Management

Dr. Jessica Oswalt presented information for the New Academic Program Proposal – M.S. in Engineering Management. The Master of Science in Engineering Management (MSEM) is an interdisciplinary program of study offered collaboratively by the College of Engineering and the College of Business. The degree is designed to provide early-career engineering and related professionals with leadership and management knowledge and technical skills to enhance their job performance, expand their career opportunities, and add value to their organizations. The focus of the program is on the management of technology-oriented projects, people, and organizations. A primary goal is to combine applied business knowledge with best practices in engineering. The program content is relevant to technical professionals in state and federal agencies, small businesses, and large corporations. Academic components of the program include the applicable and appropriate use of a variety of quantitative tools for decision making, effective personnel supervision, and successful project and process management - including but not limited to risk management, resource allocation, and systems engineering. Courses will be taught by expert faculty in business and engineering. Dr. Hoy MOVED approval and Dr. Stretz SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of the New Academic Program Proposal – Ph.D. in Counseling and Supervision

Dr. Barry Stein presented information for the New Academic Program Proposal – Ph.D. in Counseling and Supervision. The purpose of this program is to provide advanced educational opportunities for counselor and future counselor educators in an accredited, regionally accessible program in order to expand and enhance the mental health services offered in the Upper Cumberland area and throughout Tennessee. This Ph.D. program will enhance TTU's mission to be recognized as a leader in providing research and instruction in order to meet the needs of the Upper Cumberland region and the State of Tennessee. Dr. Stein MOVED approval and Dr. Killman SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of the EXPW Fast Track Program in Exercise Science and Dually Listed Courses

Dr. Christy Killman presented information for the EXPW Fast Track Program in Exercise Science and Dually Listed Courses. The Department of Exercise Science is requesting addition of a fast track program for students who come through the undergraduate program and want to get a Master's degree in Exercise Science at Tennessee Tech. The fast track will allow eligible students to accumulate up to six (6) hours of graduate level coursework, to satisfy both undergraduate and graduate degree requirements. Participation in this program will enable an efficient graduate program transition with potential for accelerated completion. Dr. Killman MOVED approval and Dr. Stein SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of the Revisions to Policy 266 – Class Attendance

Dr. Sharon Huo presented revisions to Policy 266, Class Attendance. The purpose of this policy is to establish expectations and exceptions for students attending class. This policy was modified as a result of the separation of Enrollment Management and Academic Affairs. Dr. Huo consulted both the Director of Military and Veterans Affairs and the Office of Disability Services to make sure this was fully compliant with all laws. Dr. Stretz MOVED approval

and Dr. Darvennes SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Discussed the Revisions to Policy 267 – Academic Calendar

Dr. Sharon Huo presented revisions to Policy 267, Academic Calendar. After much discussion, this item was withdrawn from the agenda to be addressed at a later time.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55pm

APPROVED OCTOBER 10, 2018

Elizabeth Sofia, Recorder

Documents on file with the minutes:

All policies and documents presented at the meeting