

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY
November 15, 2006

The Academic Council met at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15, 2006, in the Deans' Conference Room of Derryberry Hall with Christine Miller, Chairperson, presiding.

The following members of the Council were present:

Dr. Robert Niebuhr	Prof. Darlene Franklin
Dr. Wade Faw	Dr. Bob Clougherty
Dr. Jack Armistead	Dr. Linda Null
Ms. Katie Oakley	Dr. Brian O'Connor
Dr. Mark Stephens	Dr. John Harris
Dr. Christine Miller	Dr. Gretta Stanger
Dr. Pat Jordan	Dr. Chris Brown
Dr. Sharon Huo	

Attending as resource persons were Dr. Paul Semmes, Ms. Julie Galloway, and Ms. Phyllis Miller. The following members of the Council were absent:

Dr. Winston Walden	Dr. Jim Baier
Mr. Bobby Hodum	Dr. Cathy Cunningham
Dr. Roy Loutzenheiser	Dr. Susan Laningham
Dr. Darrell Garber	Dr. Jeff Roberts
Dr. Susan Elkins	Dr. David Larimore
Mr. Zac Fox	Dr. Don Visco
Ms. Carolyn Greer	Prof. Delane Stewart
Mr. Christian Bucher	Prof. Ray Jordan
Dr. Darrell Hoy	

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

1. Approved the agenda.
2. Approved the minutes of the September 6, 2006 meeting.
3. Approved a request for changes to the Instructional Improvement and Faculty Development Committee Procedures.
4. Approved the elimination of partial repeats as presented by the Admissions and Credits Committee.
5. Approved addition to the Academic Tenure (2005) policy regarding Assessment of Satisfactory Progress Toward Tenure.
6. Approved request from the General Education Committee for requirements for a second degree.

PROCEEDINGS

Approval of Agenda

Dr. Stanger MOVED approval of the agenda, and Dr. Clougherty SECONDED the motion. The agenda was APPROVED as distributed.

Approval of the Minutes of the September 6, 2006 Meeting

Dr. Clougherty MOVED approval of the minutes of the September 6 meeting, and Dr. Faw SECONDED the motion. The minutes were APPROVED as posted on the Academic Council web site.

Request for Changes to the Instructional Improvement and Faculty Development Committee Procedures

Dr. Clougherty presented changes to the Instructional Improvement and Faculty Development Committee Procedures as approved by that committee on October 3, 2006. A copy of the changes were distributed to the Council prior to the meeting. Dr. Clougherty MOVED to approve the changes to be effective fall semester 2006, and Dr. Stephens SECONDED the motion. The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote.

Partial Repeats

Ms. Julie Galloway presented a handout to the Council regarding a Summary of Partial Repeat Processing. The Admissions and Credits Committee met on October 24, 2006 and voted to eliminate partial repeats. Ms. Galloway explained that the new Banner system would not allow the recording of partial repeats either electronically or manually. It was recommended that the acceptance of partial repeats stop at the end of fall semester 2006. These partial repeats are rare, but do occur most often with transfer students. After some discussion, Dr. Niebuhr MOVED to approve the Admissions and Credits Committee recommendation to drop partial repeats. The motion was SECONDED by Dr. Faw. The motion PASSED with two members voting no.

Assessment of Satisfactory Progress Toward Tenure

Dr. Barker stated that during the process of developing the new Tenure and Promotion Policies and Procedures, the Assessment of Satisfactory Progress Toward Tenure was omitted from the Academic Tenure Policy. Prof. Darlene Franklin MOVED to approve this addition to the policy, and Dr. Clougherty SECONDED the motion. The motion PASSED with a unanimous vote. This section will be added to the Academic Tenure (2005) policy under section V. Changing Tenure/Tenure Track Status in the Faculty Handbook.

Such Other Matters

Dr. Armistead presented a handout on Second Degrees and General Education which was approved by the TTU General Education Committee on October 31, and by the University Curriculum Committee on November 9, 2006. The General Education Committee is requesting approval of section B. For the Current Catalog on Requirements for a Second Undergraduate Degree. Dr. Armistead MOVED to approve the request, and Dr. Clougherty SECONDED. The motion PASSED with a unanimous vote, with noted editorial changes.

Items 4, 5 & 6 of the agenda will be presented to the University Assembly on November 29, 2006.

Adjournment

The meeting was ADJOURNED at 4:15 p.m.

Carol Holley, Recorder

Documents on file with minutes:

Instructional Improvement and Faculty Development Committee Changes

Summary of Partial Repeat Processing

Assessment of Satisfactory Progress Toward Tenure

Second Degrees and General Education