

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY

February 20, 2019

The Academic Council met at 3:35pm on Wednesday, February 20, 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. Christy Killman
Dr. Doug Bates	Dr. Holly Stretz
Dr. Jessica Oswalt	Dr. Mary Matthews
Dr. Paul Semmes	Prof. Kim Winkle
Dr. Jennifer Shank	Dr. Tammy Boles
Dr. Mike Gotcher	Dr. Troy Smith
Dr. Lisa Zagumny	Dr. Linda Null
Dr. Lee Ann Shipley	Dr. Barry Stein
Dr. Douglas Airhart	Dr. David Hajdik
Dr. Troy Brachey	Dr. Corinne Darvennes
Dr. Lori Maxwell	Dr. Lori Bruce
Dr. Christine Miller	Dr. Sharon Huo
Dr. Zac Wilcox	Dr. Brandon Johnson

Others present were: Dr. Brenda Wilson, Dennis Tennant, and Curtis Armstrong. The following members of the council were absent:

Dr. Bruce Green	Dr. Chris Brown
Dr. Ismet Anitsal	Mr. Brad Sells
Dr. Ben Mohr	Mr. Aaron Lay
Dr. Barbara Jared	Ms. Emily Bass
Dr. Ann Hellman	Ms. Katelynn Cammack
Dr. Brian O'Connor	Dr. Mark Stephens
Dr. David Larimore	

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Approved the agenda

Approved the minutes of the January 23, 2019 meeting

Approved revisions to Policy 205, Faculty Tenure Policy

New Spring Break Period in AY 2019-2020 Recommendations

Transfer of Communication Department, Information Only

Recommendations for Electronic Voting

Requirements for Dual Enrollment Admissions

Such Other Matters

PROCEEDINGS

Approval of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes of the February 20, 2019 Meeting

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

Approved revisions to Policy 205, Faculty Tenure Policy

Dr. Armstrong presented Policy 205. He explained that after the meeting with Faculty Senate, there were a few friendly amendments made. The statement “Although departments/units may assign varying degrees of significance to individual criteria” was removed from VII.B.2. and VII.C.2. These revisions were made to better articulate the concept they are trying to create. Dr. Stein MOVED approval and Dr. Maxwell SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

New Spring Break Period in AY 2019-2020 Recommendations

Dr. Huo presented the information about changing the Spring Break period for AY 2019-20. The current Spring Break dates are March 9-13. The proposed new Spring Break dates would be March 16-20 which would match Putnam Co. Schools’ Spring Break period along with other colleges including ETSU, our partner school. This would mean there are 8 weeks of class before spring break and 6 weeks after.

Transfer of Communication Department, Information Only

Dr. Bruce provided information about the possible move of the Department of Communications from Arts and Sciences to Interdisciplinary Studies. The faculty of the department support this decision because they believe there will be growth for the program and students in it by providing more focused programs. She explained how there is more potential for growth for students through more specific programs and more course offering. This is pending the president’s approval, and if approved, it would become effective July of this year.

Recommendations for Electronic Voting

Stephens explained the recommendation to implement electronic voting for Academic Council Members-at-Large. He explained that this would also be going to Administrative Council, so that both nomination and voting procedures would be consistent. After much discussion, Dr. Gotcher MOVED approval and Dr. Shank SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Requirements for Dual Enrollment Admissions

Dr. Johnson explained that the standards for dual enrollment have been adjusted and approved, correlating with enrollment requirements. Previous requirements required that a student 1) be a junior or senior in high school; 2) have a minimum 3.2 high school GPA; or 3) have a minimum composite of 20 ACT (SAT composite of 1020) or equivalent ACT Plan test score; and 4) letter of recommendation provided by high school counselor. The new requirements require that a student 1) be a junior or senior in high school; 2) have a minimum 3.0 high school GPA; 3) parent/guardian approval; 4) counselor/principal approval. Requirements were clarified for the website and the catalog. Dr. Killman MOVED approval and Dr. Shank SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Such Other Matters

Dr. Airhart discussed the Academic Council Procedures. He discussed the number of representatives of each school. He also mentioned the points about vacancies in the council and

simplifying some of the wording. He was told he could bring a few amendments to the Council in the future, if desired.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm

APPROVED April 10, 2019

Elizabeth Sofia, Recorder

Documents on file with the minutes:

All documents presented at the meeting