

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
TENNESSEE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
April 4, 2001

The Academic Council met at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4, 2001, in the Deans' Conference Room of Derryberry Hall with Dr. Gretta Stanger, Chairperson, presiding.

The following members of the Council were present:

Dr. Winston Walden
Dr. Virginia Moore
Dr. Roy Loutzenheiser
Dr. Jack Armistead
Dr. Donald Elkins
Dr. Paul Bonner
Prof. Rebecca Tolbert
Prof. Charlene Mullins
Dr. Bruce Greene
Dr. John Harris

Dr. Jeff Roberts
Dr. Linda Null
Prof. Ray Jordan
Dr. Katherine Osburn
Dr. Corinne Darvennes
Dr. Kurt Eisen
Dr. Brian O'Connor
Prof. Ken Hunter
Dr. Gretta Stanger

Also attending as ^{cc} resource persons ~~were~~ *was Dean Barber.*

The following members of the Council were absent:

Dr. Marvin Barker
Ms. Alicia Toline
Mr. Joseph Woodson
Ms. Tara Neil
Mr. Clark Downum
Dr. Mark Stephens
Dr. Curtis Armstrong

Dr. Jann Cupp
Dr. Harry Smith
Dr. Ed Griggs
Dr. Roger Haggard
Prof. Melissa Giest
Dr. Julia Aucoin

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

1. Approved the agenda.
2. Approved the minutes of the February 28 meeting.
3. Received annual reports from committees reporting to the Council.
4. Approved a plagiarism statement.
5. Re-elected Gretta Stanger as chairperson for 2001-02.

PROCEEDINGS

Approval of the Agenda

Professor Hunter asked to add an item to the agenda regarding changes to the Tenure and Promotion policies, and Dr. Darvennes asked to add discussion of the Child Development Lab. Both of these items will be added to the agenda under "Such Other Matters." Professor Jordan MOVED approval of the agenda as amended, and Professor Tolbert SECONDED the motion. The agenda was APPROVED.

Approval of the Minutes of the February 28 Meeting

Dr. Bonner MOVED approval of the minutes of the February 28 meeting, and Dr. Loutzenheiser SECONDED the motion. The minutes were APPROVED as posted on the website.

Annual Reports from Committees Reporting to the Academic Council

Dr. Stanger noted that copies of the Teacher Education Committee's report with revisions to the Procedures of the Committee were distributed at today's meeting. Also, the report from the Committee on Commencement, Convocations, and Academic Ceremonies was distributed today.

In addition to the committee's annual report, Professor Tolbert reported that the Admissions and Credits Committee met last week and made a change in the A-100 Guidelines regarding the Academic Development Program, the major change being that a student who fails an ADP course twice will no longer be suspended from the University. The 60-hour limit on removing high school deficiencies would still apply. The Admissions and Credits Committee also is recommending an addition in the section in the catalog under withdrawal. The revised wording would be "Students accused of academic misconduct prior to the last date to drop a course may be unable to withdraw from the course."

Dr. O'Connor MOVED approval of the annual reports as a group, and Dr. Elkins SECONDED the motion. The group discussed at length the ramifications of the change in the Academic Misconduct policy. In response to a question from Dr. Harris, the first item on the Curriculum Committee annual report was changed to read: "Approve rubric course numbering including those mandated by TBR." The annual reports were APPROVED.

Report from the Subcommittee on Anti-Plagiarism

Dr. Null MOVED to approve the subcommittee's report (sent as an attachment to the agenda) on anti-plagiarism, and the motion was duly SECONDED. Dr. Null stated that the definition of plagiarism is not concise and wasn't intended to be; it is intended to emphasize that you don't copy someone else's work without giving credit and also you don't use Internet sources without giving proper credit. Several suggestions were made, and the following definition of plagiarism was APPROVED for inclusion in the catalog and the *Student Handbook*:

Plagiarism. When you use, (for example, summarize, paraphrase or quote) someone else's media, words, data, ideas, or other works, you must cite your source. You should be especially careful to avoid plagiarizing Internet sources (for example, e-mail, chat rooms, Web sites, or discussion groups). It does not matter whether you borrow material from print sources, from the Internet, from on-line data bases, or from interviews. Failure to cite your source is plagiarism. Students who plagiarize may receive an "F" or a "0" for the assignment, or an "F" for the course.

Report from the Nominating Committee

Dr. John Harris, chairperson of the nominating committee which also included Dr. Corinne Darvennes and Dr. Mark Stephens, MOVED to nominate Dr. Gretta Stanger as chairperson of the Academic Council for 2001-02. Professor Hunter SECONDED the motion. Dr. Null MOVED to elect Dr. Stanger by acclamation, and the motion was APPROVED by a unanimous vote.

Such Other Matters

Professor Hunter reported that he and Dr. Sue Bailey and Dr. Homer Kemp had gone through the Tenure and Promotion Policy and Procedures and made changes necessitated by the change in the Agreement on Responsibilities form and the substitution of the new Agreement for the Faculty Load Report. Their report will be presented at the next meeting of the University Assembly.

Child Development Lab

Dr. Darvennes questioned why the decision to close the Child Development Lab did not come to the Academic Council if it was indeed an academic decision. Dr. Stanger said no one was at the meeting today to speak to this issue, and she questioned whether this should be an issue for the Academic Council. It was pointed out that the department would have sent something through the Curriculum Committee if there were serious curricular issues, and the Curriculum Committee would have sent it on to the Council. The Council discussed the CDL issue at length. Several members of the Council would like to have more information, so they asked Ken Hunter, President of the Faculty Senate, to ask Dr. Barker to attend the next meeting of the Faculty Senate to answer questions.

Adjournment

The meeting was ADJOURNED at 4:30 p.m.

*Approved 10/10/01
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