

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY
February 24, 2016

The Academic Council met at 3:35pm on Wednesday, February 24, 2016 in Derryberry Hall Deans' Conference Room with Prof. Barbara Jared, Chairperson, presiding.

The following members of the Council were present:

Dr. Doug Bates	Dr. Tammy Boles
Dr. Bobby Hodum	Prof. Barbara Jared
Dr. Liz Mullens	Prof. Sue Piras
Dr. Lee Ann Shipley	Dr. Troy Smith
Dr. Janice Branson	Dr. Linda Null
Dr. Jordana Navarro	Dr. Jeremy Wendt
Dr. Elizabeth Propes	Dr. Brian O'Connor
Dr. Ismet Anitsal	Dr. David Larimore
Dr. Steve Isbell	Dr. Jim Raymondo
Dr. Jeremy Hansen	Dr. Janet Isbell
Dr. Christy Killman	Dr. Corinne Darvennes
Dr. Stephen Idem	Ms. Micayla Holton

Mr. Heath Simpson represented Mr. Nick Russell. Others present were Dr. Andrew Callender, Dr. Bahman Ghorashi, Dr. Sharon Huo, Dr. Joe Roberts and Dr. Mark Stephens. The following members were absent:

Dr. Tom Payne	Dr. Holly Stretz
Dr. Darrell Hoy	Mr. Nick Russell
Dr. Jennifer Shank	Mr. Connor Hodge
Dr. Paul Semmes	Ms. Nickole Anderson
Dr. Alice Camuti	

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Approved the agenda

Approved the minutes of the November 11, 2015 meeting

Received name change for the Department of Art

Approved Graduate Student Dismissal, Reinstatement, an Appeal Procedures Policy

Approved update of M.S. Chemistry Admissions Requirements

Received email vote for approval of new concentration in Computer Science

PROCEEDINGS

Approval of the Agenda

Prof. Jared requested that items #7 and #8 be removed from the agenda as they have not been submitted to the Graduate School Executive Committee. Dr. Wendt MOVED approval and Dr. Steve Isbell SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes of the November 11, 2015 Meeting

Dr. Darvennes MOVED approval and Ms. Holton SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Name Change for the Department of Art

Dr. Stephens stated that the Department of Art received approval from TBR to change their name to the School of Art, Craft, and Design. This change better reflects the perception of the programs in the unit. School is similar to the School of Agriculture and the School of Human Ecology. The title Chairperson will become Director with the same job duties.

Approval of Graduate Student Dismissal, Reinstatement, and Appeals Procedures Policy

Dr. Stephens stated the revised policy has been approved by GSEC. The policy provides a 'due process' and appeal process for students to follow in the event they are dismissed from the College of Graduate Studies. It was never intended for an appeal to go the Academic Council after the Graduate School Executive Committee. Mr. Simpson MOVED approval and Ms. Holton SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of Update of M.S. Chemistry Admissions Requirements

Dr. Callender represented the Chemistry Department and provided information on changes to the M.S. admissions requirements. Students must have an undergraduate GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale and must score at least 3.5 on the analytical writing portion of the GRE Test. The change is to be consistent with the General University Graduate Admissions Requirements. Dr. Mullens MOVED approval and Mr. Simpson SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of Proposal for a New Concentration in Public Safety in the School of Professional Studies

Dr. Roberts stated that this new concentration in Public Safety would be part of the Master of Professional Studies online program. This is an interdisciplinary program of study designed to provide the public safety professionals with leadership and strategic management tools to lead and serve in one of the nation's growing professions. Dr. Tammy Boles MOVED approval and Mr. Simpson SECONDED. There was discussion about the concentration being an accelerated course for seven weeks and does not fall within the same timeline as the traditional semester. The seven weeks sessions are split with two terms and would require manual work and additional staff in the Records, Financial Aid, and Business offices. A voted was called with all Yes except for one No vote. The proposal was APPROVED.

Such Other Matters

- a. The January 27th meeting was cancelled due to a lack of sufficient agenda items. However, there was a request from the Computer Science Department for a new Concentration for Parallel, Distributed, and High Performance Computing. The proposal was sent to all the Council members requesting an email vote. Dr. Camuti MOVED approval and Dr. Hodum SECONDED. The vote was 23 Yes and 0 No. The proposal was APPROVED.

- b. Dr. O'Connor informed the Council that a subcommittee has been appointed to review the policy on policies wording and the role of the University Assembly and the procedures for approving reports from the Academic and Administrative Councils. There will be more discussion from the University Assembly.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55pm.

APPROVED April 13, 2016

Carol Holley, Recorder

Documents on file with the minutes:

Name/Title Change Form for Art

Graduate Student Dismissal, Reinstatement, and Appeal Procedures Policy

Update to M.S. Chemistry Admissions Requirement

Proposal for Public Safety Concentration in MPS program

Proposal for a new concentration in Computer Science