

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY
November 12, 2008

The Academic Council met at 3:30 pm on Wednesday, November 12, 2008, in the Deans' Conference Room of Derryberry Hall with Corinne Darvennes, Chairperson, presiding.

The following members of the Council were present:

Dr. Bobby Hodum	Dr. Christine Miller
Dr. Larry Peach	Dr. Don Visco
Dr. Susan Elkins	Dr. Brian O'Connor
Ms. Deanna Nipp-Kientz	Dr. John Harris
Mr. Grayson Peek	Dr. Holly Anthony
Mr. Walter Fitts	Dr. Gretta Stanger
Ms. Kristen Perrone	Dr. Corrine Darvennes
Dr. Susan Laningham	Dr. Kari Rajan
Dr. Steve Isbell	Dr. Linda Null

Others attending the meeting were Dr. Francis Otuonye and Ms. Jerri Winningham. The following members of the Council were absent:

Dr. Roy Loutzenheiser	Dr. Michael Best
Dr. Pat Bagley	Dr. Jeff Roberts
Dr. Paul Semmes	Dr. Pat Jordan
Dr. James Jordan-Wagner	Dr. David Larimore
Mr. Alston Peek	Dr. Sharon Huo
Prof. Susan Clark	Mr. Ray Jordan

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Approved agenda.
Approved the minutes of the October 8, 2008 meeting.
Approved forming a sub-committee to review Covert Taping Policy.
Approved change requirements for transfer students.
Approved establishing a Research Council.

PROCEEDINGS

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Peek MOVED approval of the agenda and Dr. Stanger SECONDED. Agenda APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes of the October 8, 2008 Meeting

Dr. O'Connor MOVED approval of the minutes and Dr. Peach SECONDED. Minutes APPROVED unanimously.

Covert Taping Policy

Dr. Harris stated that the Covert Taping Policy had been discussed at the Faculty Senate meeting with regards to a student using a digital camera to photograph power point slides in class. (See attachment.) Some faculty felt this was a violation of the professor's intellectual property and should fall under the category of covert taping of classes without the instructor's consent. Dr. Joshua Hauser asked Dr. Harris if he would present the item to the Academic Council. Dr. Harris MOVED that the Academic Council Chair appoint a subcommittee to review the current policy to determine if changes need to be made to the policy. Dr. Stanger SECONDED the motion. After discussion and recommendations for persons to serve on this subcommittee, the motion was APPROVED unanimously.

Request to Change Admission Requirements for Transfer Students

Dr. Hodum stated that the Admissions and Credits Committee has approved the change in admission requirements for transfer students. The change effectively tightens the requirements for transfer students to better insure that the university is admitting students who are ready to be successful at TTU. (See attachment.) The change would require new transfer students to have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 to be admitted. Dr. Hodum MOVED approval of this change and Dr. Null SECONDED. After some discussion, the motion was APPROVED unanimously. The change will be effective Fall 2009.

Research Council

Dr. Otuonye presented a proposal to establish a research council (see attachment). He stated that the University's strategic plan says that by 2010 we should have \$20,000,000 in research funds. Currently we are at approximately \$14,000,000. Work is being done to address the need for more grants and contracts, such as changes in the indirect cost return and the distribution of these funds. The establishment of a research council would also assist in this growth. Dr. Miller MOVED approval of this proposal and Mr. Peek SECONDED. A question was raised as to the representation of the STEM Center on this council. It was explained that until the STEM Center is fully functional, it will be represented by the College of Education. Dr. Armistead recommended an editorial change on the last page to eliminate the section "Research Council Action and Review" and in the last section change "approved" to "approval." The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

Such Other Matters

None

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm.

APPROVED 3/18/09

Carol Holley, Recorder

Documents on file with the minutes:

- Covert Taping Policy
- Change Requirements for Transfer Students
- Research Council Proposal