

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY

February 5, 2020

The Academic Council met at 3:35 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 in the Roaden University Center, Tech Pride Room, with Dr. Linda Null, Chairperson, presiding.

The following members of the council were present:

Dr. Thomas Payne	Prof. Kim Winkle
Dr. Jennifer Shank	Dr. Yun Ding
Dr. Mike Gotcher	Dr. Barbara Jared
Dr. Darron Smith	Dr. Matt Langford
Dr. Douglas Airhart	Dr. Troy Smith
Dr. Troy Brachey	Dr. Linda Null
Dr. Lori Maxwell	Dr. Barry Stien
Dr. Mark Melichar	Dr. Brian O'Connor
Dr. Christine Miller	Mr. David Hajdik
Dr. Zac Wilcox	Dr. Chris Brown
Dr. Christy Killman	Dr. Susan Lanningham
Dr. Kristine Craven	Mr. Zach Brown
Dr. Holly Stretz	Ms. Courtney Fowler

Others present were: Dr. Sharon Huo, Dr. Mark Stephens, Dr. Brandon Johnson, Dr. Jessica Oswald for Dr. Joseph Slater, Dr. Jeremy Wendt for Dr. Lisa Zagumny, Dr. Rufaro Chitiyo for Dr. Lee Ann Shipley, and Ms. Alexis H. for Mr. Zach Brown. The following members of the council were absent:

Dr. Doug Bates	Dr. David Larimore
Dr. Paul Semmes	Mr. Craig Harrison
Dr. Christine Miller	Ms. Nia Buntin
Dr. Zac Wilcox	

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Approved the agenda

Approval of Minutes from November 13, 2019

Changes in Admission for Master of Professional Studies

Addition of new minor in the Communication department- Event Planning, Promotion and Management

Revision of Academic Council Procedures (Information Only)

Adjourn

PROCEEDINGS

Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Darron Smith MOVED approval and Dr. Mike Gotcher SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of Minute from November 13, 2019

Dr. Jennifer Shank MOVED approval and Dr. Darron Smith SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously

Changes in Admission for Master of Professional Studies

Dean Gotcher stated that this change would align the MPS program with other TTU graduate degree programs, it would address the needs of International students, as well as expedite and allow flexibility in the admission process. After minimal discussion, Dr. Jennifer Shank MOVED approval and Dr. Lori Maxwell SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Addition of new minor in the Communication department- Event Planning, Promotion and Management

Dean Gotcher stated that this minor complements the public relations and corporate communication curricula and will prepare students to take leadership roles in event planning, promotion and management for a variety of organizational settings, both for profit and non-profit. This growing field provides professional opportunities in conventions, meetings, special events, fundraising, tourism, hospitality, political campaigns, etc. Industry would benefit from a well-trained professional pool with skills in how to prepare for, promote and carryout events. Students will have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience working with professionals in this dynamic field. After minimal discussion, Dr. Tom Payne MOVED approval and Dr. Jennifer Shank SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Revision of Academic Council Procedures (Information Only)

Dr. Linda Null shared updates with the Council, stating that assigned group is still revising the procedures, in coordination with members of the Administrative Council to ensure consistency.

Meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

APPROVED March 25, 2020

Elizabeth Sofia, Recorder

Documents on file with the minutes:

All documents presented at the meeting