

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL  
TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY  
February 2, 2022

The Academic Council met at 3:35 p.m. on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 via Teams videoconferencing technology, with Professor Kimberly Winkle, Chairperson, presiding.

The following members of the council were present:

Dr. Thomas Payne	Dr. Christopher Reames
Dr. Kumar Yelamarthi	Prof. Drew Sisk
Dr. Jeff Roberts	Dr. Russell Witcher
Dr. Jennifer Shank	Dr. Yun Ding
Dr. Lisa Zagumny	Dr. Emily Lee
Dr. Darron Smith	Dr. Matt Langford
Dr. Lee Ann Shipley	Ms. Stephanie Adams
Dr. Douglas Airhart	Dr. Troy Smith
Dr. Troy Brachey	Dr. Linda Null
Dr. Lori Maxwell	Dr. Brian O'Connor
Dr. Sean Alley	Dr. Jennifer Meadows
Ms. Robert Wilbanks	Dr. Chris Brown
Dr. Melissa Comer	Dr. Katherine Hermann-Turner
Dr. Christy Killman	Mr. Jackson Lelle
Dr. Stephen Canfield	Mr. Braxton Westbrook
Dr. Syed Rafay Hasan	

Others present were:

Dr. Sharon Huo  
Dr. Mark Stephens  
Dr. Bedelia Russell  
Dr. William Eberle  
Dr. Barbara Jared  
Ms. Jerri Winningham

The following members of the council were absent:

Dr. Mike Gotcher  
Dr. Ann Manginelli  
Ms. April Crockett  
Mr. Cannon Johnson  
Ms. Savannah Griffin

## SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the Minutes from the November 10, 2021 Meeting

Department of Computer Science, Revise Wording on Fast Track and Graduate Admissions

Department of Computer Science, Change Number of Hours Allowed to Fast Track

Department of Mechanical Engineering, Change GPA Requirement for the MSME Fast Track Program

Whitson-Hester School of Nursing, Addition of a Post-Graduate Certificate

Whitson-Hester School of Nursing, Change the DNP Concentration Name

Whitson-Hester School of Nursing, Change Nursing Healthcare Leadership (formerly Executive Leadership) Admission Criteria

Such Other Matters

Adjournment

## PROCEEDINGS

### **Approval of the Agenda**

Dr. Lisa Zagumny MOVED approval and Mr. Braxton Westbrook SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

### **Approval of the March 10, 2021 Minutes**

Dr. Lisa Zagumny MOVED approval and Dr. Douglas Airhart SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

### **Department of Computer Science, Revise Wording on Fast Track and Graduate Admissions**

Dr. William Eberle stated that the program is designed for graduates of approved undergraduate programs. This reflects the current status of fast track program and revised incorrect wording of admission requirements. After minimal discussion, Mr. Braxton Westbrook MOVED approval and Dr. Lisa Zagumny SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

### **Department of Computer Science, Change Number of Hours Allowed to Fast Track**

This agenda item has been withdrawn. No voting.

### **Department of Mechanical Engineering, Change GPA Requirement for the MSME Fast Track Program**

Dr. William Eberle stated that to conform more closely with other units in the college, it was proposed and approved at both the department and college levels that the ME Department should require an overall GPA of 3.25 or higher for undergraduate courses taken at TTU. After minimal discussion, Dr. Lisa Zagumny MOVED approval and Dr. Syed Hasan SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

### **Whitson-Hester School of Nursing, Addition of a Post-Graduate Certificate**

Dr. Barbara Jared stated that in response to these ongoing needs and an increase in inquiries for this certification, the WHSON plans to expand this concentration by proposing a new, 23 credit hour and 550 clinical contact hour Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certificate in the current Master of Science in Nursing program. After minimal discussion, Dr. Lisa Zagumny MOVED approval and Mr. Jackson Lelle SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

**Whitson-Hester School of Nursing, Change the DNP Concentration Name**

Dr. Barbara Jared stated that the proposed concentration title speaks to a broader range of leadership at the program, system, and aggregate levels. We expect the name change will reach a wider range of applicants and address a broader range of leadership issues in healthcare. After minimal discussion, Mr. Braxton Westbrook MOVED approval and Dr. Darron Smith SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

**Whitson-Hester School of Nursing, Change Nursing Healthcare Leadership (formerly Executive Leadership) Admission Criteria**

Dr. Barbara Jared stated the current MSN-DNP admission criteria for this concentration limits the application pool to only those who have a Master of Science in Nursing. The proposed admission criteria will make our program more competitive. After minimal discussion, Dr. Lisa Zagumny MOVED approval and Dr. Darron Smith SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

**Such Other Matters**

Dr. Brian O'Connor voiced a concern with Degree Works and will be further discussed with Dr. Stephens. No voting.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Jackson Lelle MOVED approval and Dr. Troy Brachey SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVAL March 9, 2022

Amy McCoy, Recorder

Documents on file with the minutes:

All documents presented at the meeting