MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY

January 31, 2024

The Academic Council met at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 31, 2024 via Teams videoconferencing technology, with Professor Kimberly Winkle, presiding.

The following members of the council were present:

Dr. Thomas Payne Dr. Kumar Yelamarthi

Dr. Jeff Roberts
Dr. Jennifer Shank

Dr. Mike Gotcher

Dr. Lisa Zagumny Dr. Darron Smith

Dr. Lee Ann Shipley

Dr. Dennis Fennewald

Dr. Mark Creter

Dr. Brian O'Connor

Dr. Hyewon Park

Dr. Melissa Comer

Dr. Christy Killman

Dr. Syed Rafay Hasan

Dr. Christopher Reames

Others present were:

Dr. Lori Bruce

Dr. Bedelia Russell

Dr. Julie Baker

Ms. Karen Lykins

Dr. Jeremy Wendt

Dr. Scott Christen

Dr. Ann Manginelli Dr. Matt Langford

Ms. Megan Atkinson

Dr. Troy Smith

Dr. Linda Null

Dr. Brenda Wilson

Dr. Mustafa Rajabali

Dr. Krystal Kennedy (Ka Grimes proxy)

Ms. Amber Spears

Ms. Claire Myers

Mr. Eli Anderson

The following members of the council were absent:

Dr. Sean Alley

Dr. Stephen Canfield

Dr. Jennifer Mabry

Ms. April Crockett

Dr. Lenly Weathers

Ms. Lindsey Taylor

Ms. Reece Edwards

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the Minutes from the November 8, 2023 Meeting

Exceptional Learning, Ph.D. Concentration Name Change

Other Such Matters

Adjournment

Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Lisa Zagumny MOVED approval and Dr. Mike Gotcher SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes from the November 8, 2023 Meeting

Dr. Lisa Zagumny MOVED approval and Dr. Mike Gotcher SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Exceptional Learning, Ph.D. Concentration Name Change

Dr. Jeremy Wendt stated this change aligns with efforts by the College of Education to better meet the needs of its students and to continue to recruit from a broader base. Much of the research of those who choose the Literacy Concentration has been focused already on critical discourses. The transition also aligns with the university's strategic plan to grow online programs, increase accessibility, expand the university's reach, and enhance its impact and reputation. Dr. Lisa Zagumny MOVED approval and Dr. Darron Smith SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Other Such Matters

Professor Kimberly Winkle notified the committee that the Academic Council meeting on March 6th, will be ran through Coursedog. Coursedog empowers academic administrators to support on-time completions and operational excellence by assisting in the elimination of roadblocks and barriers that can result from manual, siloed academic operations. Electronic proposals in Coursedog will be built to accept proposals for informational items, first reading of policy revision, and the final reading of a policy revision.

Adjournment

Dr. Lisa Zagumny MOVED approval and Dr. Darron Smith SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Amy McCoy, Recorder

Documents on file with the minutes: All documents presented at the meeting

APPROVAL March 6, 2024