

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY
April 4, 2007

The Academic Council met at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4, 2007, in the Deans' Conference Room of Derryberry Hall with Christine Miller, Chairperson, presiding.

The following members of the Council were present:

Dr. Robert Niebuhr	Dr. Pat Jordan
Ms. Deanna Nipp-Kintz (for Dr. Walden)	Dr. David Larimore
Mr. Bobby Hodum	Dr. Sharon Huo
Dr. Wade Faw	Dr. Bob Clougherty
Dr. Paul Semmes (for Dr. Armistead)	Dr. Linda Null
Dr. Darrell Garber	Mr. Ray Jordan
Mr. Zac Fox	Dr. John Harris
Dr. Cathy Cunningham	Dr. Darrell Hoy
Dr. Susan Laningham	Dr. Gretta Stanger
Dr. Jeff Roberts	Dr. Chris Brown
Dr. Christine Miller	Dr. Mark Stephens
Dr. Don Visco	

Others attending the meeting were Dr. David Huddleston, Dr. Claire Stinson, Ms. Debbie Combs, Ms. Yvonne Gribble, Mr. Charles Wilkerson, Ms. Denise Hensely, Dr. Deivy, Dr. Stephen Parke, and Dr. Dan Combs. The following members of the Council were absent:

Dr. Roy Loutzenheiser	Dr. Jim Baier
Dr. Susan Elkins	Dr. Brian O'connor
Ms. Carolyn Greer	Ms. Darlene Franklin
Mr. Christian Bucher	Ms. Delane Stewart
Ms. Katie Oakley	

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

1. Approved the agenda.
2. Approved the minutes of the November 15, 2006 meeting.
3. Approved annual reports from committees reporting to the Academic Council.
4. Approved the Language Company proposal.
5. Approved the Civil and Environmental Engineering Fast-Track MS Program proposal.
6. Approved the Electrical and Computer Engineering Fast-Track MS Program proposal
7. Approved Dr. Christine Miller as chairperson of the Academic Council for 2007-08

PROCEEDINGS

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Ray Jordan MOVED approval of the agenda, and Dr. Pat Jordan SECONDED the motion. The agenda was APPROVED as distributed.

Approval of Minutes of the November 15, 2006 Meeting

Dr. Harris MOVED approval of the minutes of the November 15 meeting, and Dr. Stephens SECONDED the motion. The minutes were APPROVED as posted on the Academic Council web site.

Annual Reports from Committees Reporting to the Academic Council

Dr. Harris MOVED approval of all the reports as submitted, and Dr. Faw SECONDED the motion. The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote.

The Language Company Proposal

Mr. Charles Wilkerson, Director of International Student Affairs presented a proposal to waive TOEFL test requirement for undergraduate applicants if the students complete the advanced level at designated schools. Dr. Stephens MOVED approval of the proposal, and Mr. Hodum SECONDED. After some discussion, the motion PASSED by a unanimous vote.

Civil and Environmental Engineering Fast-Track MS Program Proposal

Dr. Huddleston explained that the program will allow students to earn six hours of graduate credit during their last two undergraduate semesters that can be used as part of both their undergraduate and graduate curricula. The modification is proposed to attract a larger number of our best undergraduate scholars to our graduate program. Dr. Larimore MOVED approval of the proposal, and Dr. Laningham SECONDED the motion. After some discussion, the motion PASSED by a unanimous vote.

Electrical and Computer Engineering Fast-Track MS Program Proposal

Dr. Parke stated that the ECE proposal is identical to the CEE proposal. ECE currently has three top juniors interested in graduate school. Dr. Harris MOVED approval of the proposal, and Mr. Jordan SECONDED. The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote.

Election of Chairperson for 2007-2008

The nominating committee composed of Dr. Null, Dr. Jordan, and Dr. Harris nominated Dr. Christine Miller as chairperson for 2007-08. Dr. Null MOVED to accept the nomination, and Dr. Harris SECONDED the motion. Dr. Miller was ELECTED by a unanimous vote.

Such Other Matters

Dr. Semmes presented an update on Banner student services and how it will affect our current policies. No policy changes are being requested at this time. However, there are two items that will need to be addressed in Fall 2007 to be effective Fall 2008. They are the repetition of courses and reporting of grades, and the retention table and GPA reporting.

Dr. Barker stated that the Council should revisit the plus/minus grading issue in the near future. After some discussion, Dr. Miller proposed that this issue be tabled for the Fall 2007 meeting.

Dr. Miller stated that the Council would be losing their Executive Officer due to the retirement of Dr. Barker. She thanked him for his years of service to TTU and the Academic Council. The Council acknowledged his many contributions.

Adjournment

The meeting was ADJOURNED at 4:40 p.m.

Carol Holley, Recorder

Documents on file with minutes:

Annual Reports

Language Company Proposal

CEE Fast-Track MS Program Proposal

ECE Fast-Track MS Program Proposal