

**MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
TENNESSEE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
February 26, 2003**

The Academic Council met at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, February 26, 2003, in the Deans' Conference Room of Derryberry Hall. Dr. Jann Cupp, Chairperson, presided at the meeting.

The following members of the Council were present:

Prof. Rebecca Tolbert
Dr. Roy Loutzenheiser
Dr. Don Elkins
Dr. Jack Armistead
Dr. Darrell Garber
Dr. Susan Elkins
Dr. Winston Walden
Mr. Hunter Hughes
Dr. John Harris
Dr. Sharon Whitney
Dr. Mark Stephens

Dr. Christine Miller
Dr. Jann Cupp
Dr. David Larimore
Dr. Ed Griggs
Dr. Roger Haggard
Dr. Jeff Roberts
Dr. Corinne Darvennes
Dr. Gretta Stanger
Prof. Ken Hunter
Dr. Linda Null
Dr. Katherine Osburn

Attending as resource persons were Ed Boucher, Elizabeth Boucher, Yvonne Gribble, John Pigg, and Francis Otuonye.

The following members of the Council were absent:

Dr. Robert Niebuhr
Ms. Carie Harrington
Mr. Michael Joyce
Ms. Jessica Whitehead
Dr. Ben Byler

Dr. Cathy Cunningham
Prof. Gail Stearman
Prof. Tara Watson
Dr. Brian O'Connor
Prof. Ray Jordan

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

1. Approved the agenda.
2. Approved the minutes of the November 6, 2002, meeting.
3. Approved SGA Bill F02-03 to allow SGA members early appointment times.
4. Approved UNIV 1020 as a required course for all first-semester college students with less than a 3.0 high school g.p.a.

PROCEEDINGS

Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Roberts MOVED approval of the agenda, Dr. Stephens SECONDED the motion, and the agenda was APPROVED.

Approval of the Minutes of the November 6 Meeting

Dr. Loutzenheiser MOVED approval of the minutes of the November 6 meeting, Dr. Stephens SECONDED the motion, and the minutes were APPROVED as posted on the web site.

SGA Bill F02-03 Regarding Early Registration for SGA Members

Mr. Hughes presented SGA Bill F02-03 and stated the case for giving the approximately 51 SGA members early registration times. Among the reasons given for the request were to alleviate difficulties in scheduling classes and meetings and to provide a benefit that recognizes the time and University service Senators contribute to the whole campus. Mr. Hughes MOVED approval of the Bill, and Dr. Whitney SECONDED the motion.

Ms. Gribble distributed a handout with the general criterion, a list of the organizations currently receiving early registration times, and background on the current policy. It was noted that some of the numbers listed on the table of requests were incorrect. At the suggestion that the Council may want to consider dropping other groups if it approves adding SGA members, the consensus of the group was to not revisit that issue at this time.

Dr. Don Elkins called for the question, and the motion CARRIED with 2 dissenting votes.

Proposal to Change University 1050 to University 1020

Professor Tolbert stated that very early in the fall semester the "First Year Committee" began meeting for the purpose of finding ways to improve the experience for first-year students and to integrate this group into the campus community. As part of this effort, this fall semester we will have four groups in a "Learning Communities" pilot in the College of Arts and Sciences. Also, the committee looked at our current University 1050 course and drafted the proposed syllabus for University 1020 that is being presented today. The proposal went to the University Curriculum Committee last week, and "Lecture 1" was changed to "Recitation 1." The Curriculum Committee approved replacing UNIV 1050, a 3-hour course, with UNIV 1020, a 1-hour course, with the understanding that UNIV 1020 will be required for all entering students as soon as fiscally feasible. Professor Tolbert said the reason this change came to the Academic Council is that the Council had approved the requirement that all students with lower than a 3.0 high school g.p.a. take UNIV 1050.

Professor Tolbert MOVED, and Dr. Loutzenheiser SECONDED, that UNIV 1020 become the required course for students with less than a 3.0 high school g.p.a., if fiscally possible. Dr. Loutzenheiser proposed a FRIENDLY AMENDMENT that was accepted by the Mover to change "students" to "all first-semester college students." The motion CARRIED by a unanimous vote.

Adjournment

There being no Such Other Matters, the meeting was ADJOURNED at 3:30 p.m.


Recorder

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