

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY
January 25, 2012

The Academic Council met at 3:30pm on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 in the Deans' Conference Room of Derryberry Hall with Linda Null, Chairperson, presiding.

The following members of the Council were present:

Dr. Bobby Hodum	Dr. Lee Ann Jolley
Dr. Roy Loutzenheiser	Dr. Jeff Roberts
Dr. Paul Semmes	Dr. Steve Isbell
Dr. Matt Smith	Dr. Mary Pashley
Dr. James Jordan-Wagner	Dr. John Harris
Dr. Doug Bates	Dr. Corinne Darvennes
Ms. Ashley Humphrey	Dr. Linda Null
Prof. Linda McQuiston	

Other persons present were Ms. Beth Rogers, Dr. James Raymondo, Dr. Sherry Gaines, and Dr. Melissa Geist represented Dr. Pat Bagley. The following were absent:

Dr. Pat Bagley	Dr. Steve Canfield
Dr. Susan Elkins	Dr. Chris Wilson
Mr. Clint Durham	Dr. Brian O'Connor
Mr. Paul Darkangelo	Dr. Holly Anthony
Ms. Kelsey Clark	Dr. Shannon Morgan
Dr. Susan Laningham	Dr. Susan Gore
Dr. Lebron Bell	Dr. Jon Jonakin
Dr. David Larimore	

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Approved the agenda

Approved the minutes of the November 9, 2011 meeting

Approved proposals for two new concentrations in Political Science

Approved changes in the RODP MSN Nursing education concentration of post-master's certificate program

PROCEEDINGS

Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Hodum MOVED approval of the agenda and Prof. McQuiston SECONDED. The agenda was APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes of the November 9, 2011 Meeting

Dr. Smith MOVED approval of the minutes and Dr. Roberts SECONDED. The minutes were APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of Proposals for Two New Concentrations in Political Science

Dr. Raymondo stated that the department is requesting approval to establish a new concentration in legal studies and a new concentration in international relations and comparative government within the existing major in Political Science. The new concentration in legal studies would provide students who are interested in attending law school a focused curriculum that would enhance their undergraduate preparation for law school. The new concentration in international relations and comparative government would provide students who are interested in attending graduate school a focused curriculum that will enhance their undergraduate preparation in this field. Dr. Loutzenheiser MOVED approval and Dr. Semmes SECONDED. After discussion, a friendly amendment was made to include on Form PS, item F, and in the catalog, that no more than 30 credit hours of electives can be taken in College of Business courses (required by AACSB). More language courses will be given as options for the international concentration. The proposals were APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of Proposed Changes in the RODP MSN Nursing Education Concentration and Post-Master's Certificate Program

Dr. Gaines stated that revisions have been made to the RODP MSN Nursing Education and Certificate Program to comply with the Tennessee Board of Nursing (TBN) education rules and nursing industry standards. Nursing educators are to be adequately prepared to teach a specific clinical specialty of nursing of their choice with foundational knowledge in health assessment, pathophysiology, and pharmacology. This is a collaborative agreement with the six TBR universities. It was designed at the RODP level, but must be approved by TTU. The Graduate School Executive Committee and all prior committees have approved the changes. Dr. Semmes MOVED approval and Dr. Jordan-Wagner SECONDED. The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

Such Other Matters

- a. Dr. Null stated that she received an email from Paula Short regarding the proposed changes to TBR's Academic Freedom Policy. The proposal was submitted to the Student Council and they will review the proposal in April.
- b. There were other items discussed at the Faculty Senate meeting on Monday that will be brought to the February meeting of the Academic Council.
- c. Dr. Stephens stated that TBR has revised the forms used for academic program proposals and changes. They will be available on the TBR website February 1. All proposals submitted to TBR after February 1 must be on the new forms. The exact changes to the forms were not discussed at the sub-council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55pm

Carol Holley, Recorder

APPROVED Feb. 29, 2012

Documents on file with the minutes:

Two Political Science Proposals

Summary of Proposed Changes to RODP MSN Nursing