

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
TENNESSEE TECH UNVIERSITY
October 5, 2016

The Academic Council met at 3:35pm on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 in Derryberry Hall Deans' Conference Room with Prof. Barbara Jared, Chairperson, presiding.

The following members of the Council were present:

Dr. Paul Semmes	Dr. Chris Brown
Dr. Liz Mullens	Dr. Corinne Darvennes
Dr. Tom Payne	Dr. Troy Smith
Dr. Doug Bates	Dr. Linda Null
Dr. Bobby Hodum	Dr. Jeremy Wendt
Dr. Jordana Navarro	Dr. Brian O'Connor
Dr. Elizabeth Propes	Dr. David Larimore
Dr. Ismet Anitsal	Dr. Jim Raymondo
Dr. Stephen Idem	Ms. Rachel Baker
Dr. Holly Stretz	Ms. Kristen Vargas
Prof. Barbara Jared	Ms. Hope Duke
Dr. Ann Hellman	

Dr. Melinda Swafford represented Dr. Lee Ann Shipley and Mr. Seth Stewart represented Ms. Miranda Stoltz. Others present were and Ms. Deb Combs, Dr. Sharon Huo, Dr. Richard Rand and Dr. Mark Stephens. The following members were absent:

Dr. Darrell Hoy	Dr. Christine Miller
Dr. Jennifer Shank	Dr. Jeremy Hansen
Dr. Alice Camuti	Dr. Christy Killman
Dr. Douglas Airhart	Dr. Tammy Boles
Dr. Lee Ann Shipley	Ms. Miranda Stoltz

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Approved the agenda

Approved the minutes of the September 7, 2016 meeting

Approved proposal for Master of Accountancy

Approved revisions to Policy No. 211 Appointment and Evaluation of Chairpersons

Approved revisions to Policy No. 219 Emeriti Faculty

Approved revisions to Policy No. 222 Credit Hours

Approved revisions to Policy No. 269 Awarding Posthumous Degrees

Discussed revisions to Policy No. 267 Academic Calendar and rescinded for further review

PROCEEDINGS

Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Wendt MOVED approval and Dr. Darvennes SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes of the September 7, 2016 Meeting

Dr. Wendt MOVED approval and Dr. Darvennes SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of Proposal for Master of Accountancy Program

Dr. Rand explained the proposal and that this is a 30 hour masters' degree program with students accepted in cohorts with options for a one year or two year track. The program will meet the needs of students seeking a career in professional accounting and provide professional development and growth. The program includes a residency experience, is fully online, and there is no other program like it in the state. Dr. Darvennes MOVED approval and Dr. Hodum SECONDED. After questions and discussion, the proposal was APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of Revisions to Policies

Dr. Huo presented the revisions to the following policies:

- a. Policy No. 211 Appointment and Evaluation of Chairpersons – Dr. Huo stated there were editorial changes and removal of reference to TBR. Dr. Null MOVED approval and Dr. Darvennes SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.
- b. Policy No. 219 Emeriti Faculty – Dr. Huo stated the changes were to section III.A.7 that the faculty would be recognized at the university faculty meeting and section III.B.1.a. removed bulletin and changed to catalog. Dr. Stretz MOVED approval and Dr. Darvennes SECONDED. After some discussion, Dr. Stretz MOVED to make a friendly amendment in section III.B.2. to change doctoral students to graduate students, and to remove the word Emerita from the policy and only use Emeritus. Dr. Navarro SECONDED the amendment. All but one voted to remove the word Emerita from the policy. Amendment APPROVED.
- c. Policy No. 222 Credit Hours – Dr. Huo stated the policy follows federal and SACSCOC guidelines. A few editorial changes were made. Dr. Null MOVED approval and Dr. Darvennes SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.
- d. Policy No. 269 Awarding Posthumous Degrees – Dr. Huo stated the only change was to remove reference to TBR. Dr. Larimore MOVED approval and Dr. Stretz SECONDED. The question was asked if this policy would apply to persons who become disabled and are close to completing their degree. Dr. Huo stated the policy review group discussed this and felt that should be a separate policy. APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of Revisions to Policy No. 267 Academic Calendar

Dr. Hodum noted some editorial changes and a spelling correction and explained that the current policy was adopted by TBR. TTU will set our own academic calendar with consultation by the President, Provost and Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Success. Dr. Hodum MOVED approval and Dr. Raymondo SECONDED. There was much discussion about how the calendar might change under the new TTU governing board. There was also concern about no faculty representation or input regarding the decision making for setting the calendar. Due to these concerns, Dr. Hodum withdrew his motion to approve the policy and asked that council members provide feedback to him by October 21st for further review of the policy.

Such Other Matters

Dr. Huo distributed a handout with updated information for faculty to include in their syllabus. One update changed the University Plagiarism Policy and website link to Student Academic Misconduct Policy and to Policy No. 217 on Policy Central. The second update was the Disability Accommodation website link removed from the Faculty Handbook and Policy No. 340 Services for Students with Disabilities linked to Policy Central.

Prof. Jared stated that at the September 7 Academic Council meeting it was decided to hold an additional meeting on October 19 to review and approve revisions to policies. Several of the policies will not be ready for the October 19 meeting, so she requested the meeting be moved to October 26. The council was in agreement with the date change. If there are not sufficient policies ready for the 26th, then they will be included at the last meeting of the semester on November 9.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35pm.

Carol Holley, Recorder

APPROVED November 9, 2016

Documents on file with the minutes:

Proposal for MAcc program

All policies presented at the meeting

Handout from Dr. Huo regarding syllabus information updates