

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY
December 3, 2025

The Academic Council met at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, via Teams videoconferencing technology, with Professor Kimberly Winkle, presiding.

The following members of the council were present:

Dr. Thomas Payne	Dr. Scott Christen
Dr. Allen MacKenzie	Dr. Ann Manginelli
Dr. Jennifer Shank	Ms. Megan Atkinson
Dr. Daren Snider	Dr. Amy Hill
Dr. Mike Gotcher	Dr. Linda Null
Dr. Lisa Zagumny	Dr. Ka Grimes
Dr. Daron Smith	Dr. Brenda Wilson
Dr. Lee Ann Shipley	Dr. Mustafa Rajabali
Dr. Jim Baier	Dr. Michael Olsen
Dr. Brian Carver	Dr. Amber Spears
Dr. Brian O'Connor	Dr. Krystal Kennedy
Dr. Yi Peng	Mr. Jimmy Guadalupe
Dr. Hyewon Park	Ms. Presley Elliott
Dr. Melissa Comer	
Dr. Christy Killman	
Dr. Alfred Kalyanapu	
Dr. Syed Rafay Hasan	
Dr. Kexin Xu	
Mr. Joshua Field	

Others present were:

Dr. John Liu
Dr. Julie Baker
Dr. Bedelia Russell
Dr. Sharon Huo
Dr. Karen Wright
Dr. Curtis Armstrong

The following members of the council were absent:

Dr. Jennifer Mabry
Dr. Stacey Browning
Ms. Maya Seitz
Ms. Abby McCulley

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of Minutes of November 5, 2025, meeting

Elevating the Business Intelligence and Analytics concentration to a major

Such Other Matters

Adjournment

Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Lisa Zagumny MOVED approval and Dr. Mustafa Rajabali SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes of November 3, 2025, Meeting

Dr. Lisa Zagumny MOVED approval and Dr. Mustafa Rajabali SECONDED. APPROVED.

Elevating the Business Intelligence and Analytics concentration to a major

Dr. Curtis Armstrong stated the Business AI & Analytics major will supply a workforce prepared to guide businesses on the effective application of AI and data analytics for their workflows. The goal is to help businesses navigate the complexities of AI and data analytics to be more efficient and competitive. The need for these employees is increasing nationwide and within Tennessee. Elevating concentration to a major will increase the visibility of the program and help us better meet the needs of the workforce. Dr. Lisa Zagumny MOVED approval and Dr. Mustafa Rajabali SECONDED. APPROVED.

Such Other Matters

There were no other such matters.

Adjournment

Dr. Lisa Zagumny MOVED approval and Dr. Mustafa Rajabali 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

