

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. Allen MacKenzie
Dr. Jennifer Shank
Dr. Daren Snider
Dr. Mike Gotcher
Dr. Lisa Zagumny
Dr. Daron Smith
Dr. Lee Ann Shipley
Dr. Jim Baier
Dr. Brian Carver
Dr. Brian O'Connor
Dr. Yi Peng
Dr. Hyewon Park
Dr. Melissa Comer
Dr. Christy Killman
Dr. Alfred Kalyanapu
Dr. Syed Rafay Hasan
Dr. Kexin Xu
Mr. Joshua Field

Dr. Scott Christen
Dr. Ann Manginelli
Ms. Megan Atkinson
Dr. Amy Hill
Dr. Linda Null
Dr. Ka Grimes
Dr. Brenda Wilson
Dr. Mustafa Rajabali
Dr. Michael Olsen
Dr. Amber Spears
Dr. Krystal Kennedy
Mr. Jimmy Guadalupe
Ms. Presley Elliott

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

