

**University Assembly**  
**April 25, 2012**  
**President's Conference Room**

**Members Present:** J. Baker, Bagley, Ballal, Bates, R. Bell, Butler, Cowan, Darvennes, Dollar, Duvall, Fidan, David Frazier, Hajdik, Harris, Hodum, Hooper, Huo, Isbell, James, Jonakin, Jordan-Wagner, Lee, Loutzenheiser, Macke, McQuiston, Mielke, Null, O'Conner, Otuonye, Rencis, Roberts, Russell, Setliff, Smith, Stephens, Stinson, Walker, Wilson, Young

**Members Absent:** Alfred, Anthony, Jane Baker, L. Bell, Burnett, Canfield, Clark, Dainty, Darkeangelo, Durham, Elkins, Foster, Don Frazier, Gaines, Gatts, Gore, Humphrey, Hutchins, Jolley, Laningham, Larimore, Marquis, Matson, Morgan, Murphy, Ojo, Pashley, Propes, Semmes, Sherrell, Timmerman, Vaughn, Wilson, Zhu

**Summary of Proceedings**

Approved agenda

Approved minutes of November 30, 2011

Received report of Academic Council for spring 2012

Received report of Administrative Council for spring 2012

Received 2011-2012 International Affairs Committee report

Received the report of the Information Technology Committee for 2011-2012

**Proceedings**

President Bell called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m., and directed the Assembly to the meeting agenda. Mr. Wilson moved approval of agenda as distributed. Dr. Darvennes seconded. Motion APPROVED.

Mr. Wilson moved approval of the minutes of November 30, 2011. Mr. Macke seconded. Motion APPROVED.

**Academic Council:** The Assembly unanimously received the following report from the Academic Council for spring 2012 as reported by Dr. Linda Null:

The Academic Council met three times during the spring semester. At each meeting, agendas and minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

On Wednesday, January 25, the Council

- 1) Approved two new concentrations in Political Science, (1) International Relations and Comparative Government, and (2) Legal Studies
- 2) Approved changes in the RODP MSN Nursing Education Concentration and the Post-master's Certificate Program

On Tuesday, February 28, the Council

- 1) Received an information item indicating that MIT had requested that the title of the BS in Industrial Technology be changed to a BS in Engineering Technology
- 2) Approved the addition of a Center for Positive Youth Sports which will be administered through the EXPW department.
- 3) Approved recommendation from the Faculty Senate Promotion Policy Committee IV.C.2 for promotion from assistant professor to associate professor and IV.D.2. from associate professor to full professor.

On Wednesday, April 11, the Council

- 1) Received annual reports from the committees that report to the Academic Council.
- 2) Approved a proposal from Nursing to revise the current four-year curriculum so that students begin taking their upper-division nursing courses the second semester of their sophomore year.
- 3) Approved the creation of a new Recreation and Leisure Concentration in the BS in EXPW.
- 4) Approved changes in the criteria for admission to the MA program in Counseling and Psychology and for the MS and EdS degrees in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction.
- 5) Approved a new concentration in the Master's program in Curriculum and Instruction, the Educational Technology Concentration.
- 6) Approved the creation of a professional science master's degree in Environmental Informatics.
- 7) Approved changes to the academic calendar year.
- 8) Heard an explanation by Dr. Stephens regarding the new organization of Interdisciplinary Studies, which will be known as the College of Interdisciplinary Studies. The college will

have three schools: Interdisciplinary Studies, Professional Studies, and Environmental and Sustainable Studies.

- 9) Heard Dr. Stephens announce that he will form a new Early Alert Committee.
- 10) Selected Dr. Linda Null to chair the Academic Council for 2012-2013.

**Administrative Council:** The Assembly received the report from the Administrative Council for Spring 2012 as reported by Professor Regina Lee. Council met twice during the spring 2012 semester. At each meeting, agenda and minutes of the previous meeting were approved. The following summarizes these meetings:

**February 22, 2012**

- Approved the Trumpet Guild Organization Constitution at TTU. This club aims to promote musicianship through trumpet.
- Approved Constitution of the TTU Pre-Veterinary Medicine Club. This organization seeks to promote interest in the science of veterinary medicine, as well as provide assistance to those in the program.
- Approved SGA Bill No. F11-004, which requires candidates to have a minimum year of experience in one of the three TTU-SGA branches before running for an SGA executive office.

**April 4, 2012**

- Approved annual reports for committees reporting to the Administrative Council.
- Approved SGA Bill No. S12-001, which requires all eating establishments on campus to display/provide nutritional information. Current establishments are already on board with the process, and future establishments will be provided details for implementation as well.
- Approved SGA Bill No. S12-002, which endorses current plans to make the stop at the intersection of Eighth and Peachtree a four-way stop. This action has already been approved by the Building and Grounds Committee and in the process of implementation as it is considered a campus safety measure.
- Approved Athletics Gender Equity Annual Report and Athletics Diversity Issues Annual Report. Also, approved updates to the Athletics Policy and Procedures Manual.
- Council elected Dr. Ismail Fidan as chairman for the 2012-2013 academic year.
- Received informational report from Dr. Linda Null relative to updates recently approved by the Academic Council to the Faculty promotion policy which clarifies inconsistencies in the number of years of professional experience in the instructional discipline required for promotion from assistant professor to associate professor and from associate professor to full professor.

**International Affairs Committee:** The Assembly received the following report from the International Affairs Committee for spring 2012 as reported by Mr. Charles Wilkerson:

- IAC had an adhoc committee develop proposals to assist in how to facilitate the troublesome matter of handling international transfer credits.
- New avenues were looked into and new proposals were made based on personal request from various departments to the Provost. Some of the items discussed were:
  1. Streamlining and hard coding many of the courses which are accepted. This will result in a reduction of repetitive requests from institutions TTU will have students originating from in the future. Also building articulation tables from the start.
  2. As many felt WES was not very useful, I found a new resource, Educational Perspectives which offered the Catalog match service for an additional \$35, thus reducing department's decision time and making the process much faster.
  3. Educational Perspectives offers a unique service no other NACES member has offered, the Catalog Match. As EP is fully aware of ABET, AACSB, and other accreditation bodies, they would know what specifically to look for and would take these points serious. As the evaluation suggests specific courses or elective credits or - (nothing) it will be very helpful in letting students know in advance about transfer credits.
- Additional matters were also discussed which include opening international sections of some courses; setting up a fixed schedule for all new students thus reducing the frantic fall and spring intakes. Once students arrive, a schedule will be initially handed to them without much stress being placed on the advisors and the Office of International Education.
- English Composition, Human Geography and US History are courses being considered for international sections.
- The set courses for the new students will include a math course, an English course, Human Geography (offer an international section) and a permit only seats in various humanities courses (this way the students will not feel segregated).
- We feel these select options will help make the Week of International SOAR less stressful on all parties involved in the process.

**Information Technology Committee:**

The Assembly received the 2011-2012 report for the Information Technology Committee, as summarized by Chairman John Smith. Link to the full annual report:

[http://www.tntech.edu/files/univassembly/IT\\_Comm\\_Report.pdf](http://www.tntech.edu/files/univassembly/IT_Comm_Report.pdf)

Dr. Ballal moved to adjourn. The motion was duly seconded. Meeting ADJOURNED at 3:10 p.m.

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Terri Taylor, Recorder