

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL  
TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY  
FEBRUARY 29, 2012

The Academic Council met at 3:30pm on Wednesday, February 29, 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. Susan Laningham
Dr. Roy Loutzenheiser	Dr. Jeff Roberts
Dr. Paul Semmes	Dr. Steve Isbell
Dr. Matt Smith	Dr. Shannon Morgan
Dr. Susan Elkins	Dr. Corinne Darvennes
Prof. Linda McQuiston	Dr. Linda Null
Dr. Lee Ann Jolley	

Other persons present were Dr. J.P. Barfield and Ms. Beth Rogers. The following were absent:

Dr. Pat Bagley	Dr. David Larimore
Dr. James Jordan-Wagner	Dr. Steve Canfield
Dr. Doug Bates	Dr. Chris Wilson
Ms. Ashley Humphrey	Dr. Brian O'Connor
Mr. Clint Durham	Dr. John Harris
Mr. Paul Darkangelo	Dr. Holly Anthony
Ms. Kelsey Clark	Dr. Susan Gore
Dr. Mary Pashley	Dr. Jon Jonakin
Dr. Lebron Bell	

#### SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Approved the agenda

Approved the minutes of the January 25, 2012 meeting

Received information on MIT degree title change

Approved proposal to add a youth sports center to EXPW

Approved revision to faculty promotion policy

#### PROCEEDINGS

##### Approval of the Agenda

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

##### Approval of the Minutes of the January 25, 2012 Meeting

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

##### MIT Degree Title Change

Dr. Loutzenheiser provided as an information item that MIT requested their degree title of BS in Industrial Technology be changed to BS in Engineering Technology. This change has been

approved by the College Curriculum and the University Curriculum Committees. The program name change is to better identify the curriculum currently taught in the department, since all the courses taught in the department are Engineering Technology in nature, as well as current faculty credentials are engineering technology. The department is planning to pursue the more recognizable TAC ABET accreditation in the job market and industry. The name/title change form will be sent to the TBR Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for approval.

#### Approval of a Proposal to Add the Center for Positive Youth Sports in EXPW

Dr. Barfield explained the need for a research, service, and instructional Center for Positive Youth Sports due to the high demand for coaching education coupled with the low availability through the TBR system. The Center, which will be a part of the Exercise Science, Physical Education, and Wellness Department, will also serve as a resource to the state in conducting and disseminating research, marketing best practices through coaching clinics, and instructing consumers across the state through both ground and online instruction. No additional funds will be required for this center. Current departmental funds will be used. Dr. Hodum MOVED approval of this proposal and Dr. Isbell SECONDED. After some discussion and questions, the proposal was APPROVED unanimously.

#### Approval of the Report of the Faculty Senate Promotion Policy Committee

Dr. Roberts stated that a review committee was formed by the Faculty Senate to review the 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. The committee recommended the following clarification to the Faculty Promotion (2005) policy, IV. C. 2. *Completion of five full academic years at the rank of assistant professor at the end of the academic year during which the faculty member is applying for promotion to associate professor.* D. 2. *Completion of five full academic years at the rank of associate professor at the end of the academic year during which the faculty member is applying for promotion to full professor.* Dr. Roberts MOVED approval of the change and Dr. Darvennes SECONDED. The proposal was APPROVED unanimously. The Promotion Form P-2 will also be changed to reflect this clarification.

#### Such Other Matters

None

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm.

APPROVED April 11, 2012

Carol Holley, Recorder

Documents on file with the minutes:

MIT Degree Title Change

EXPW Proposal

Faculty Senate Report on Promotion Policy