

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
TENNESSEE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
November 5, 2003

The Academic Council met at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, November 5, 2003, in the Deans' Conference Room of Derryberry Hall with Jann Cupp, Chairperson, presiding.

The following members of the Council were present:

Dr. Winston Walden	Dr. Jann Cupp
Prof. Rebecca Tolbert	Dr. David Larimore
Dr. Roy Loutzenheiser	Dr. Joseph Biernacki
Dr. Donald Elkins	Dr. P.K. Rajan
Dr. Jack Armistead	Prof. Tara Watson
Dr. Darrell Garber	Dr. Tony Baker
Mr. Nathan Wilds	Dr. Linda Null
Dr. Ben Byler	Dr. Jeff Roberts
Dr. Cathy Cunningham	Dr. Brian O'Connor
Dr. John Harris	Dr. Corinne Darvennes
Dr. Sharon Whitney	Dr. Gretta Stanger
Dr. Mark Stephens	Prof. Ken Hunter
Dr. Christine Miller	

Dr. Stuart Wells attended for Dr. Bob Neibuhr. Dr. Elwood Watson, visiting professor from ETSU, also attended the meeting. Attending as resource persons were Dr. Paul Semmes, Ms. Yvonne Gribble, and Amy from the Oracle.

The following members of the Council were absent:

Dr. Robert Neibuhr	Dr. Susan Elkins
Ms. Carie Harrington	Ms. Casey Couch
Mr. Ben Hickok	Prof. Gail Stearman
Prof. Ray Jordan	

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

1. Approved the agenda.
2. Approved the minutes of the October 8 meeting as posted on the web site.
3. Approved 55 minutes class periods for MWF classes and 80 minutes class periods for TTh.
4. Received names of persons on the subcommittee to study the plagiarism policy.
5. Received information about the lottery scholarships to start next Fall.

PROCEEDINGS

Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Loutzenheiser MOVED approval of the agenda, and Dr. Don Elkins SECONDED the motion. The agenda was APPROVED.

Approval of the Minutes of the October 8 Meeting

Dr. Stanger MOVED approval of the minutes of the October 8 meeting as posted on the Academic Council web site, and Prof. Tolbert SECONDED the motion. The minutes were APPROVED as posted.

Report of Subcommittee on the Common Calendar

Prof. Tolbert asked Dr. Semmes (who is chair of the subcommittee) to give the report of the subcommittee for the common calendar (copy of report attached). Dr. Semmes stated that the bulk of the report was discussed last month. The subcommittee made three recommendations:

1. Schedule for Fall Semester 2004
2. Schedule for Spring Semester 2005
3. Class periods and meeting times with two options:
 - a. Start classes at 8:15 instead of 8:00 for 55 minutes on MWF and 85 minutes on TTh.
 - b. Keep the current schedule with classes starting at 8:00 for 50 minutes on MWF and 80 minutes on TTh.

Dr. O'Connor MOVED approval of recommendation #1 for the Fall Semester 2004 schedule, and Dr. Miller SECONDED. The motion was APPROVED by a unanimous vote. Dr. O'Connor MOVED approval of recommendation #2 for the Spring Semester 2005 schedule, and Dr. Byler SECONDED. The motion was APPROVED by a unanimous vote.

Dr. O'Connor MOVED approval of recommendation for Option B for class periods and meeting times to start at 8:00 with 50 minutes MWF and 80 minutes TTh., and Dr. Larimore SECONDED. However, Dr. Harris proposed an amendment to add an Option C which would be for classes to start at 8:00 with 55 minutes on MWF and 80 minutes on TTh, and Mr. Wilds SECONDED. After discussion, a vote was called for the amendment to the original motion (Option C) with all yes except one no. Motion APPROVED. Classes will start at 8:00 with 55 minutes on MWF and 80 minutes on TTh. Faculty will be notified of the approved schedules and class periods.

Dr. Cupp thanked the subcommittee on the common calendar for all their hard work.

Subcommittee to Study the Plagiarism Policy

Dr. Cupp stated that the following persons will serve on a subcommittee to study the plagiarism policy: Dr. Miller-Chair, Prof. Jordan, Dr. Baker, and Casey Couch. The current policy does not give a specific time period for notification of plagiarism.

Such Other Matters

Lottery and Scholarships

Professor Tolbert reported that scholarships from the lottery will start next Fall 2004. The lottery will affect our academic policies. Students have to be registered for a certain number of hours to receive the scholarship. The law states that a student has until the 14th day after classes to withdraw without receiving a grade of W. Our policy allows students to withdraw a month after classes start without receiving a grade of W. All other universities in the state except MTSU and TTU give five days before a student can withdraw with a W. This could lead to possible audit problems and should be discussed with the committee soon to reconcile the 14 days. It was also noted that students must maintain a B average to keep their scholarship.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Carol Holley
Recorder