

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL  
TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY  
November 11, 2020

The Academic Council met at 3:35 p.m. on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 via Zoom videoconferencing technology, with Dr. Lori Maxwell, Chairperson, presiding.

The following members of the council were present:

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| Dr. Thomas Payne    | Dr. Jennifer Meadows |
| Dr. Mike Gotcher    | Ms. Stephanie Adams  |
| Dr. Darron Smith    | Dr. Matt Langford    |
| Dr. Douglas Airhart | Ms. Ann Manginelli   |
| Dr. Joseph Slater   | Dr. Linda Null       |
| Dr. Christy Killman | Dr. Barry Stein      |
| Dr. Mark Melichar   | Dr. Brian O'Connor   |
| Dr. Russ Witcher    | Ms. Courtney Fowler  |
| Dr. Zac Wilcox      | Dr. Chris Brown      |
| Dr. Emily Lee       | Ms. Melody Roth      |
| Dr. Kristine Craven | Prof. Kim Winkle     |
| Dr. Paul Semmes     | Dr. Holly Stretz     |
| Dr. Doug Bates      | Ms. Nia Buntin       |
| Dr. David Larimore  | Mr. Zach Brown       |

Others present were: Dr. Sharon Huo, Dr. Mark Stephens, Dr. Brandon Johnson, Ms. Jerri Winningham, Dr. Ben Mohr, Dr. Barbara Jared and Dr. Jeremy Wendt for Dr. Lisa Zagumny.

The following members of the council were absent:

Dr. Jennifer Shank  
Dr. Lee Ann Shipley  
Dr. Troy Brachey  
Dr. Robert Wilbanks  
Dr. Mary Matthews  
Dr. Yun Ding  
Dr. Troy Smith  
Dr. Susan Laningham

#### SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Approval of the Agenda

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Tennessee Tech Policy 260 (Requirement for a Baccalaureate Degree and Graduation)

School of Agriculture, Termination of a Concentration

Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering, Addition of New Concentration

Curriculum & Instruction, Catalog Admission Changes

Counseling & Psychology, Deletion of Concentration

Department of Chemistry, Add Admission Requirement

## PROCEEDINGS

### Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Barry Stein MOVED approval and Dr. Christy Killman SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

### Approval of the September 16, 2020 Minutes

Dr. Barry Stein MOVED approval and Dr. Matt Langford SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

### Tennessee Tech Policy 260 (Requirement for a Baccalaureate Degree and Graduation)

Dr. Sharon Huo stated that the purpose of revising this policy is to provide an exception of the American History requirements for students that are earning their second baccalaureate degree in Nursing. Dr. Linda Null MOVED approval and Dr. Douglas Airhart SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

### School of Agriculture, Termination of a Concentration

Dr. Douglas Airhart stated the School of Agriculture has no faculty member or instructor in this concentration and there are no plans to request a search for one. There are no Agritourism courses (AGTOU) offered. No students are enrolled in this concentration as a primary field of study. Dr. Douglas Airhart MOVED approval and Dr. Barry Stein SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

### Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering, Addition of New Concentration

Dr. Ben Mohr stated the department is proposing a new concentration in Environmental Engineering to provide current and prospective students with the opportunity to expand their knowledge base in coursework specific to Environmental Engineering, while maintaining a base knowledge of all other Civil Engineering sub-disciplines. Dr. Joseph Slater MOVED approval and Dr. Barry Stein SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

### Curriculum & Instruction, Catalog Admission Changes

Dr. Jeremy Wendt stated the individual department will determine requirements for letters of recommendation. Dr. Jeremy Wendt MOVED approval and Dr. Barry Stein SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

### Counseling & Psychology, Deletion of Concentration

Dr. Barry Stein stated there appears to be insufficient student interest to justify maintaining the Ed.S. in educational psychology within counseling and psychology. We currently have no

students enrolled in this concentration. Dr. Barry Stein MOVED approval and Dr. Christy Killman SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Department of Chemistry, Add Admission Requirement

Dr. Paul Semmes stated the department of Chemistry requests that future applicants to the MS Chemistry graduate program include a short “Letter of Introduction” in addition to a “Statement of Interests and Career Goals.” Dr. Paul Semmes MOVED approval and Dr. Barry Stein SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

APPROVED February 3, 2020

Elizabeth Sofia, Recorder

Documents on file with the minutes:

All documents presented at the meeting

