

Administrative Council
September 4, 2024 - 3:30 p.m.
TEAMS Meeting

Minutes

Voting Members Present		
Amy Brown	Eric Carlile	Wei Tsun Chang
Kristine Craven (Chair)	Mark Creter	Jennifer Dewar
Andrew Donadio (Vice Chair)	Esma Fidan	Mary Lou Fornehed
Amy Foster	Jerry Gannod	Kim Hanna
Amy Hill	Colin Hill	Richard Le Borne
Twanelle Majors	David Mann	Holly Mills
Fred Nichols	Joseph Ojo	Bedelia Russell
Steven Seiler	Sandra Smith-Andrews	Kensea Skelton
Claire Stinson	Leslie Suters	Dennis Tennant
Thomas Timmerman	Kristen Trent	Kyle Turner
Dan Warren	Braxton Westbrook	Mark Wilson
John Liu		
Voting Members Absent		
Teddy Burch	Scott Christen	Yun Ding
Joshua Edmonds	Kelsey Hewitt	Michael Natrass
Lisa Rice	Joseph Slater	Hannah Upole
Rob Owens		
Resource Persons / Others Present		
Megan Atkinson	Julie Baker	Aleta Cannon
Neal Hunt	Charmian Leong	Cynthia Polk-Johnson
Mustafa Rajabali	Terry Saltsman	Brian Seiler
Diane Smith	Kevin Vedder	Jerri Winningham
Lee Wray	Karen Lykins	

Summary:

Approved agenda.

Approved April 3, 2024 minutes.

Received new Participation in Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Programs Policy No. 790.
 Information only. Approved out-of-cycle.

Proceedings:

Chair Kristine Craven called the Administrative Council meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. Sandra Smith-Andrews motioned to approve the agenda for September 4, 2024. Holly Mills seconded. Motion APPROVED.

Mary Lou Fornehed motioned to approve the April 3, 2024 minutes. Andrew Donadio seconded. Motion APPROVED.

New Participation in Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Programs Policy No. 790 was presented as an information only item due to being approved out-of-cycle. Charmian Leong explained the policy is to prohibit covered individuals who receive funding from federal research agencies from participating in malign foreign talent recruitment programs. Covered individuals are Tennessee Tech faculty, staff, and students who receive federal research funding. This policy was written to comply with the provisions in the CHIPS and Science Act regarding research security and undue foreign influence, particularly sections 10631 and 10632 of the Act. These sections prohibit federal research agencies from issuing research awards to anyone participating in a malign foreign talent recruitment program. Since May 2024, the National Science Foundation (NSF) has required individuals designated as senior or key personnel on a proposal to certify they are not participating in malign foreign talent recruitment programs. Individuals participating in malign foreign talent recruitment programs are not eligible to serve as senior or key personnel on an NSF proposal or award made after May 20, 2024.

The Department of Defense released a policy that stated participation in a malign foreign talent recruitment program is a risk factor that must be mitigated before they will release funds to award recipients. Under this policy, effective August 9, 2024, the Department of Defense (DoD) will deny funding if the proposing research institution does not have a policy prohibiting participation in malign foreign talent recruitment programs. This DoD policy was the main reason Tennessee Tech needed a malign foreign talent recruitment policy in place by August 9, 2024, which necessitated the policy being approved out-of-cycle. This was to ensure Tennessee Tech remained eligible for Department of Defense funding as well as demonstrating a commitment to research integrity and federal, state, and sponsor requirements.

There were no Other Such Matters.

Donadio motioned to adjourn. Fornehed seconded. Adjourned at 3:39 pm.

Diane Smith, recorder

Documents on file with minutes:

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