

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL  
TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY  
November 10, 2010

The Academic Council met at 3:30pm on Wednesday, November 10, 2010, in the Deans' Conference Room of Derryberry Hall with Susan Laningham, Chairperson, presiding.

The following members of the Council were present:

Dr. Larry Peach	Dr. Jeff Roberts
Dr. Susan Elkins	Dr. Steve Isbell
Dr. James Jordan-Wagner	Dr. Corinne Darvennes
Dr. Doug Bates	Dr. Susan Gore
Mr. Julian Lyons	Dr. Linda Null
Mr. Daniel Bouch	Dr. Jon Jonakin
Dr. Michael Best	Dr. Brian O'Connor
Dr. Susan Laningham	Dr. John Harris
Dr. Roy Loutzenheiser	

Others attending the meeting were Ms. Debbie Combs, Ms. Beth Rogers, Ms Denise Hensley, Dr. Dennis George, Dr. Mark Stephens, and Dr. Jeff Boles. Dr. Kurt Eisen represented Dr. Paul Semmes and Ms. Jerri Winningham represented Dr. Bobby Hodum. The following members of the Council were absent:

Dr. Pat Bagley	Dr. Lebron Bell
Dr. Paul Semmes	Dr. David Larimore
Dr. Bobby Hodum	Dr. Steve Canfield
Mr. Lee Gatts	Dr. Chris Wilson
Mr. Bo Murphy	Dr. Shannon Morgan
Ms. Linda McQuiston	Dr. Holly Anthony
Dr. Mary Pashley	

#### SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Approved the agenda  
Approved the minutes of the October 6, 2010 meeting  
Received information regarding spring commencement  
Approved dual degree program proposal  
Approved environmental and sustainability studies proposal

#### PROCEEDINGS

##### Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Loutzenheiser MOVED approval of the agenda and Dr. Peach SECONDED. Agenda APPROVED unanimously.

##### Approval of the Minutes of the October 6, 2010 Meeting

Dr. Gore MOVED approval of the minutes and Dr. Isbell SECONDED. Minutes APPROVED unanimously.

### Spring Commencement Ceremonies

Ms. Combs presented information regarding the spring commencement ceremony and the plan to have two ceremonies starting May 2011. The plan is to have a 10:00am ceremony that includes the Colleges of Agricultural and Human Sciences, Arts and Sciences, Engineering, and Interdisciplinary Studies and all their graduate students. A 2:00pm ceremony will be held for the Colleges of Business and Education and all their graduate students. The same speaker will be used at both ceremonies, unless the person is not available to do both. Faculty may attend either of the ceremonies or both. Deans may attend both of the ceremonies or only their college. Faculty award winners will likely be asked to participate only in the ceremony in which their college is a part of. Summer graduates will be distinguished from the spring graduates in the spring commencement program. More information will be shared with the faculty, staff, and students closer to spring graduation.

### Dual Degree Program Proposal

Dr. Jordan-Wagner presented the dual degree program proposal with Aachen Germany and TTU. (See attached proposal.) The proposal was approved by the University Curriculum Committee on October 21, 2010. The program gives students from both universities the chance to experience the culture, language, and education system of the other country by studying one year at the respective school. Students will receive a degree from both universities, provided they complete the entire program. Aachen has three years of study and TTU has four years, however, the material is the same. There are no accreditation issues with AACSB or SACS. German students will complete their theses in German. TTU students complete their theses in English. Dr. Jordan-Wagner MOVED approval of the proposal and Dr. Eisen SECONDED. Proposal APPROVED unanimously.

### Environmental and Sustainability Studies Proposal

Dr. George stated that there are environmental studies courses throughout all the academic units on campus. A committee of faculty and administrators has created an interdisciplinary program that utilizes core structure that already exists within all the colleges across campus. There is minimal cost with existing courses already being taught by our faculty and with the potential of paying for itself. A student survey conducted showed 60% of students felt we needed this curriculum. This is unique to any other school in the TBR system. The goal is to bring in 75 new students in five years. Students will receive a BS degree in Environmental and Sustainability Studies through the School of Interdisciplinary Studies. This proposal was approved by the University Curriculum Committee on October 21, 2010. Dr. Jordan-Wagner MOVED approval of the proposal and Dr. Elkins SECONDED. Proposal APPROVED unanimously.

### Such Other Matters

None

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20pm.

APPROVED March 2, 2011

Carol Holley, Recorder

Documents on file with the minutes:

Dual Degree Program Proposal

Environmental and Sustainability Studies Proposal