

# ACADEMIC COUNCIL

## Minutes

**January 9, 2020**

**Present:** Charles McAdams, Vicki Bingham, Dave Breaux, Edwin Craft, Emily Dabney, Leslie Griffin, Billy Moore, Cetin Oguz, Christy Riddle, Jeff Slagell

**Absent:** Beverly Moon

**Guests:**

**Call to order:** A regular meeting of the Academic Council was held in the Janice Wyatt Conference Room on January 9, 2020. The meeting convened at 8:30 AM with Provost McAdams presiding.

**Announcements:**

Agenda item	Comments/Discussion	Action taken	Responsible party
Approval of Minutes:	December 12, 2019	<b>Approved.</b>	
<b>Informational Item:</b>			
<b>Action Items:</b>			
Faculty Merit Pay Policy Revision	The Faculty Merit Pay Policy was presented with revisions from the last Academic Council meeting. During discussion, clarification and grammar edits were made.	<b>Motion to approve the Faculty Merit Pay Policy with revisions was made and seconded. 9-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</b>	Cetin Oguz
ePortfolio Request	Cetin Oguz presented the following request from faculty members:  “In relation to the changes made for submitting tenure and promotion portfolios, Faculty Senate also unanimously in agreement for giving TP candidates, who concluded their 4 <sup>th</sup> year pre-tenure review and have never had their portfolio evaluated in OneNote the option to submit their portfolio on paper or another electronic form. It must be noted that Microsoft has made changes to the OneNote platform since its adoption by Academic Council, which necessitates more time for adopting the platform.”  When previously approved, a grace period of 2 years was given in which all faculty should be using the electronic version by December 2020.	<b>Motion was made to accept paper portfolios and extend the deadline for using the electronic submission to December 2021. Motion died for lack of a second.</b>	Cetin Oguz
Promotion and Tenure Department	Faculty Senate submitted a resolution “to request approval and feedback of individual guidelines and requirements for tenure and promotion by the deans of	<b>Motion was made to have the Vice</b>	Cetin Oguz

Guidelines FS Resolution	<p>each relevant college and the Vice President for Academic Affairs.”</p> <p>Motion was made to require the tenure and promotion committees of each division submit their individual guidelines and requirements for tenure and promotion by May 1, 2020, to their respective deans as well as to the university’s Vice President of Academic Affairs for feedback by September 15, 2020. It will be assumed by the faculty that lack of feedback shall constitute approval of submitted guidelines. If feedback is provided, each division will work with dean and the Vice President of Academic Affairs to come to agreed upon guidelines by October 15, 2020 was seconded. 1-approved, 8-nay, 0-abstention. Motion failed.</p>	<p><b>President of Academic Affairs appoint a committee of Deans, Chairs, and Faculty to make a recommendation to Academic Council on how best to implement the drafting of departmental guidelines for promotion and tenure. Recommendations are due by May 1, 2020. Motion was seconded. 9-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</b></p>	
Appendix 9a – Rename Social Science Education to Social Studies Education	<p>The proposed change brings the name of the program in alignment with the terminology used by the Mississippi Department of Education. The DOE uses the name, “Social Studies” whereas the University’s current program is defined as “Social Science Education.” Clarifying and aligning the name will eliminate confusion over the nature of the program ensuring that the program is in compliance with accreditation standards. The changing of the program’s name will ensure that students are more clearly aware of the program and what it offers for future educators.</p>	<p><b>Motion to approve Appendix 9a – renaming “Social Science Education” to “Social Studies Education” was made and seconded. 9-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</b></p>	Dave Breaux
<b>Discussion:</b>			
<b>Adjourned:</b>	10:21 AM		
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	Thursday, January 23, 2020 @ 8:30 AM		