

Teacher Education Committee Minutes

October 6, 2022

The Teacher Education Committee of Tennessee Technological University met in formal session at 4:00 p.m. on the 6th day of October, 2022, in Room 108 of the TJ Farr Building. Members also had the option of attending virtually via Microsoft Teams. The place, hour, and date duly established and duly published for the holding of such a meeting.

The following members of the Committee were present:

Dr. Michael Allen (T)	Dr. Shirley Laird
Dr. Julie Baker	Mr. Landon Melton
Dr. Amy Brown	Dr. Richard Pirkle (T)
Dr. Dennis Duncan (T)	Dr. Elizabeth Ramsey
Ms. Maria Green	Mr. Lane Ward (T)
Ms. Lisa Henry (T)	Dr. Jeremy Wendt
Ms. Megan Jennings	Dr. Lisa Zagumny

(T) = Attended virtually via Microsoft Teams.

Also present during all of the session was Ms. Geri Anna Alcorn, TEC support services.

Where item numbers are used, they refer to corresponding item numbers in the agenda, emailed to the Committee members prior to the meeting.

1. Call to Order

J. Wendt called the meeting to order and a quorum could be declared. Members went around the room and introduced themselves by stating their name, title, and school/department.

2. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by J. Baker, supported by D. Duncan, and passed by voice vote without dissent that the agenda of the formal session of October 6, 2022 as distributed to the Committee be approved.

3. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by J. Baker, supported by D. Duncan, and passed by voice vote without dissent that the minutes of the formal session of March 3, 2022 as distributed to the Committee be approved.

4. Old Business

None.

5. New Business

CI01. Undergraduate Course/Catalog Changes and Additions

Accept proposed changes to SPED 4100 and SPED 4300.
Accept proposed addition of ECED 4261.

Justification: Changes meet criteria for Tennessee's new integrated Birth-K licensure pathway. Course content focuses on early childhood administrator leadership skills, administration, and assessment.

Discussion: None.

Effective Date: Fall 2023

J. Baker moved to approve. L. Zagumny seconded. All approved.

CI02. New Early Childhood Education, Integrated Birth-K Concentration

Accept proposed new concentration to be titled *Early Childhood Education, Integrated Birth-K Concentration, B.S.*

Justification: This new concentration will meet the criteria for Tennessee's new Integrated Birth-K licensure pathway. The program of study will focus primarily on the youngest children ages Birth-K. This undergraduate concentration provides more options for our early childhood education majors who can now choose between concentrations in PreK-3 (licensure), Birth-K (licensure), and Practitioner (non-licensure).

Discussion: D. Duncan asked who is the intended audience for this concentration. J. Wendt answered childcare workers and public school Pre-K teachers. J. Wendt elaborated that Curriculum & Instruction is being proactive in preparing for a probable expansion of the Pre-K program in Tennessee schools. M. Green added that all Tennessee public Pre-K teachers must be certified teachers.

Effective Date: Summer/Fall 2023

J. Baker moved to approve. S. Laird seconded. All approved.

CI03. Undergraduate Program of Study Changes

- Accept proposed changes to allow students to complete a 6-hour sequence in FREN/GERM/SPAN 1010 and 1020 in place of FREN/GERM/SPAN 2010 and 2020 for the following programs:
 - Multidisciplinary Studies, English as a Second Language Concentration
 - Secondary Education, English Concentration
 - Secondary Education, Speech Communication & Theatre Concentration
 - *Note: Students may take any of the following foreign language sequences based on guidelines from the Foreign Language department: 1010 and 1020; OR 1020 and 2010; OR 2010 and 2020.*

Justification: Changes are so students will be required to complete a 6-hour sequence in FREN/GERM/SPAN 1010 and 1020. This would eliminate the need for our students in these majors to take the placement test or in most cases end up completing 9 hours (instead of 6) in a foreign language.

Discussion: S. Laird asked for clarification on the current Foreign Languages requirement and the proposed changes. J. Wendt provided clarification to the committee's satisfaction.

Effective Date: Fall 2023.

J. Baker moved to approve. E. Ramsey seconded. All approved.

6. Such Other Matters

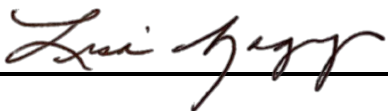
J. Baker announced the College of Education Scholarship Reception is scheduled for Thursday, October 13.

J. Baker announced TN Tech Homecoming is scheduled for Saturday, November 5. College of Education alumni, faculty, and staff are invited to attend the COEd Homecoming Tailgate Lunch on the Main Quad in front of Memorial Gym.

7. Adjournment

It was moved by J. Baker, supported by E. Ramsey, and passed by voice vote without dissent that the meeting be adjourned at 4:19 p.m. The next meeting has been scheduled for December 1, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

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TEC Support Services

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TEC Chairperson