

**Texas Tech University  
Academic Council**

**Meeting of January 18, 2022  
1:30 PM, Skype**

**Attendance**

**Present:** Sandra Addo, Dennis Arnett, Kathy Austin, Nurcan Bac, Andrea Bilkey, Stefanie Borst, Ashlee Brown (for Dottie Durband), Bobbie Brown, Dee Dee Brown-Campbell, Todd Chambers, Robert Cox, Mayukh Dass, Cathy Duran, Kristi Gaines, Jason Hale, Lindsay Hallowell, Jamie Hansard, Kaelene Hansen, Bret Hendricks, Raegan Higgins, Patrick Hughes (Co-Chair), Wendy-Adele Humphrey, Jorge Iber, Catherine Jai, Michelle Kiser, Amy Koerber, Rodney Lackey, Justin Louder (Co-Chair), Brenda Martinez, Shirley Matteson, Pat McConnel, Kuhn Park, Pradip Sahu, Brian Shannon, Clay Taylor, Elizabeth Trejos-Castillo, Patricia Vitela, Janessa Walls, and Brandon Weeks.

**Guests:** Jennifer Brashear, Matt Gregory, Meredith Imes, Martha Smithey, Ignacio Luis Ramirez, and Jyotsna Sharma.

<p><b>Action Items:</b></p>
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| <p>1. None.</p> |
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Louder presented the November Council minutes. With no discussion, Louder called for a motion. Cox moved, Shannon seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Hughes invited Shannon to update the Council members on NCAA academic misconduct legislation in light of a recent academic misconduct review that has since been resolved. Brashear explained that any allegations of academic integrity or academic misconduct regarding student athletes at NCAA institutions must follow the same university process as allegations regarding non-athletes. After the university process is completed, an athletics review team determines whether any NCAA matters need to be reported. Faculty are encouraged to contact Brashear, Shannon, or Brown-Campbell with questions.

Imes then gave an update on TTU's COVID-19 response. Testing resumed on January 4 at Sam's Poolside. Testing is also provided by Student Health to patients as needed. Vaccine clinics were conducted on January 7 and 10 and will continue every Friday through February. Isolation letters are being sent to students who test positive to provide to instructors for excused absences. In addition, to comply with NCAA and Big 12 rules, Athletics is sending letters to student athletes who are high-risk exposures and must quarantine for five days. The COVID dashboard is back up and running and will be reporting cases Monday-Friday. Operations ordered additional signage encouraging mask-wearing and will distribute those signs to high-traffic areas. Emailed copies are also available if desired.

Gregory added that the Office of the Dean of Students is continuing to use the guidance provided by the President's Office, specifically highlighting that notification will no longer be sent regarding COVID exposures. The Office of the Dean of Students is available to help faculty and instructors with collecting documentation for student absences lasting more than four consecutive days. Instructors should work directly with students for absences lasting fewer than four consecutive days.

Hallowell then introduced the summary of course proposals. Item 1, APF 4330, is the first course to be proposed under the prefix Applied Personal Finance; additional courses and a program in this area are forthcoming. Borst requested to table item 4, CHE 4378, pending further discussion between Renewable Energy and Chemical Engineering. Iber seconded the motion. Bac opposed the motion, but the motion carried. Koerber moved to approve the remaining voting items, Cox seconded. With one opposition, the course proposals were approved. (N.B. The discussion regarding CHE 4378 was taken up subsequent to Academic Council, and the course was then approved via electronic vote.)

Hallowell introduced the program proposals. She explained that the proposed new title for item 7, Global Readiness Undergraduate Certificate, was already present in all official systems, so it did not require a vote. In addition, Hallowell mentioned that item 5, the new Criminology, B.A., had been tabled in October and would need a vote to remove it from the table. Louder called for a motion. Iber moved, Chambers seconded, and the motion was approved.

The remaining new programs consisted of a Computer Engineering, BS / Computer Science, M.S. accelerated bachelor's to master's program; an undergraduate minor in Cognitive Science; a concentration in Exercise Physiology for the M.S. in Kinesiology; a graduate certificate in Sport Management; and an undergraduate minor in Professional Communication.

The next voting items were program title changes for the Youth Development Specialist and Youth Program Management and Evaluation graduate certificates. These two proposals also had proposed semester credit hour reductions. In addition, semester credit hour reductions were proposed for the Nutritional Sciences and Nutrition and Dietetics master's programs. The remaining voting items were program deletions for the M.S. in Multidisciplinary Science and the undergraduate minor in Media Strategies.

Louder called for a motion to approve the voting items. Chambers moved, Iber seconded, and the voting items were approved, including the new Criminology, B.A. Hallowell then informed Council members that the informational items consisted of curricular changes.

Hallowell presented the proposed 2027 academic calendar and offered to answer any questions prior to the vote. Hearing no questions, Hughes called for a vote. Cox moved, Austin seconded, and the 2027 academic calendar was approved.

Hughes then opened the floor for items of other business. Hallowell notified the Council that catalog copy is now past due and asked for all revisions to be sent to her as soon as possible.

With no other items of other business, Hughes asked for announcements. Taylor notified the Council that the Transfer Summit with South Plains College has been moved forward to April 1.

With no additional items or announcements, Hughes adjourned the meeting.