

**Texas Tech University
Academic Council**

**Meeting of February 15, 2022
1:30 PM, Skype**

Attendance

Present: Sandra Addo, Dennis Arnett, Kathy Austin, Andrea Bilkey, Stefanie Borst, Bobbie Brown, Dee Dee Brown-Campbell, Todd Chambers, Robert Cox, John Dascanio, Mayukh Dass, Cathy Duran, Dottie Durband, Kristi Gaines, Heather Greenhalgh-Spencer, Jason Hale, Lindsay Hallowell, Jamie Hansard, Melanie Hart, Raegan Higgins, Wendy-Adele Humphrey, Jorge Iber, Catherine Jai, Darryl James, Michelle Kiser, Rodney Lackey, Mitzi Lauderdale, Brenda Martinez, Pat McConnel, Sukant Misra, Kuhn Park, Reagan Ribordy, Pradip Sahu, Brian Shannon, Jyotsna Sharma, Rob Stewart (Chair), Carol Sumner, Clay Taylor, Elizabeth Trejos-Castillo, Nicolas Valcik, and Janessa Walls.

Action Items:

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| 1. None. |
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Stewart presented the January Council minutes. With no discussion, Stewart called for a motion. Cox moved, Austin seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Hallowell introduced the summary of course proposals. Item 4, EDLD 6342, was tabled at the November Council meeting and would need to be removed from the table to be considered for a vote. Chambers moved to untable item 4, Iber seconded, and the motion carried. Chambers asked about the course content included in item 7, PHIL 3311, with concerns for the possible duplication of a current CoMC course. Borst and Iber offered to put Chambers in touch with the Philosophy department. Stewart asked if Chambers would propose to table the course, and Chambers made a motion to that effect. Iber seconded the motion, and item 7 was tabled. With no further discussion, Greenhalgh-Spencer moved to approve the remaining course proposals. Iber seconded, and the motion carried. (N.B. The discussion regarding PHIL 3311 was taken up subsequent to Academic Council, and the course was then approved with an updated title and syllabus via electronic vote.)

James introduced the program proposals, beginning with the three new undergraduate certificates in Entrepreneurship in the Services Industry, Strategic Communication Management, and Tourism Administration. The next voting item was a SCH reduction for the M.S. in Geography from 36 hours to 30 to make the program more competitive with similar programs.

The next voting item was a proposal for a new department of Veterinary Medicine, which will be created to house the One Health Sciences, Ph.D., and a forthcoming master's program. There was confusion on where the department will be housed, whether in the Graduate School or under the School of Veterinary Medicine. James proposed to table the new department until clarification is received from a billing perspective. Stewart called for a motion. Cox moved to table the new department. Chambers seconded, and the motion carried.

The remaining voting item was for a title change to the undergraduate minor in Public Relations to match the recently approved department name change.

Stewart called for a motion to approve the remaining voting items. Chambers moved, Trejos-

Castillo seconded, and the remaining program proposals were approved. James highlighted the informational items, which consisted of curricular changes. James pointed out that for SACSCOC compliance, it is important to record the faculty votes for curricular changes before they become informational items at Academic Council.

Hallowell then discussed that there are nationwide paper shortages, which are causing printing delays. Colleges should prepare for the print catalogs to show up late summer or possibly in the fall due to these delays. Chambers asked if other universities have gone to completely online catalogs, and Hallowell confirmed that. She also mentioned that TTU has been phasing out the catalog printing over the last several years and will no longer print the catalogs after our centennial catalog next year. Hallowell added that the catalog PDF will be available on the Official Publications website if any department would like to print out certain sections for advising.

Stewart then discussed that there will be an allocation for Summer Above-base Funding, similar to previous summers. Instructions detailing the specific priorities for this summer are forthcoming. Stewart added that this is a counting summer.

With no items of other business, Stewart asked for announcements. Hallowell mentioned that the courses and programs approved at this Council meeting will be added to both the print and online versions of the 2022-23 catalog. Any course or program changes to be included in the online version of the 2022-23 catalog need to reach the Academic Council step in Curriculog for the March Council meeting.

Sumner mentioned that there will be an African American lecture with Kevin Richardson February 15, 2022, in person and online via Zoom.

With no additional items or announcements, Stewart asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Austin so moved, Humphrey seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.