

**Texas Tech University
Academic Council**

**Meeting of March 22, 2022
1:30 PM, Skype**

Attendance

Present: Sandra Addo, Dennis Arnett, Kathy Austin, Nurcan Bac, Jeffrey Belnap, Andrea Bilkey, Stefanie Borst, Bobbie Brown, Dee Dee Brown-Campbell, Todd Chambers, Robert Cox, John Dascanio, Mayukh Dass, Dottie Durband, Kristi Gaines, Heather Greenhalgh-Spencer, Lindsay Hallowell, Kaelene Hansen, Melanie Hart, Bret Hendricks, Raegan Higgins, Patrick Hughes, Wendy-Adele Humphrey, Catherine Jai, Darryl James, Michelle Kiser, Amy Koerber, Rodney Lackey, Mitzi Lauderdale, Ryan Litsey, Justin Louder, Brenda Martinez, Shirley Matteson, Randy McBee, 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, Patricia Vitela, Janessa Walls, and Brandon Weeks.

Guests: Genevieve Durham DeCesaro, Matt Gregory, and Mark Sheridan.

Action Items:

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Stewart presented the February Council minutes. With no discussion, Stewart called for a motion. Louder moved, Austin seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Hallowell invited Dean Sheridan to discuss two program proposals. Sheridan explained that the semester credit hour reduction for the Languages and Cultures, M.A.: Applied Linguistics Concentration will correct a discrepancy between the THECB's and TTU's published hour requirements. Then Sheridan introduced the proposal for the new Department of Veterinary Medicine. The department will be created under the TTU Graduate School and will house the One Health Sciences, Ph.D. program and other future degree programs that need to be housed outside the School of Veterinary Medicine professional program for billing reasons.

Louder asked if an update would need to be sent to the THECB to move the One Health Sciences, Ph.D. to the new department. James explained that he would work with the THECB to get the program moved.

James then introduced the remaining program proposals, beginning with the new programs. The new programs included graduate certificates in Advanced Entrepreneurship in the Services Industry and Music Technology; graduate concentrations in Collaborative Piano-Instrumental, Collaborative Piano-Vocal, and Mathematical Finance (for Mathematics and Statistics, M.S. programs); a graduate minor in Advanced Research Methods (for RCOB Ph.D. students); and an undergraduate minor in Music Technology.

The next voting item was a title change for the graduate certificate in Early Music Performance Practice to Historical Performance Research and Practice. The next voting item was the deletion of the Agricultural Education, Ed.D. joint program with TAMU. The program will persist without the joint element. The remaining voting items had multiple changes. The Geography, B.A. had a proposed title change to Geography and the Environment with a CIP Code change to match the

new direction. Then the Hospitality and Retail Management, M.S. had a semester credit hour reduction from 34 hours to 33. The SCH reduction is a result of the removal of HRM 5100 as a required course. The program is also proposing to add an online modality.

James pointed out that the THECB only allows CIP Code changes for degree programs once per year in the spring. In addition, CIP Code changes for degree programs require that all courses under that program also receive CIP Code changes. James asked for departments to work with him regarding updating the CIP Codes for their affected courses.

Stewart called for a motion for the voting items. Chambers moved to approve the voting items as presented, Cox seconded, and the program proposals were approved.

The informational items included curricular changes for the Applied Leadership, B.A.A.S. and Mathematics, Ph.D. The last informational item was a reduced residency requirement for the Bachelor of General Studies program.

Hallowell then introduced the summary of course proposals, beginning by explaining that items in green have been moved forward to Summer or Fall 2022. Stewart called for a motion. Louder moved to approve the course proposals, Hendricks seconded, and the course proposals were approved.

For the next item of business, Lauderdale explained that TTU's contract with Starfish expires in Spring 2023, and TTU is in the process of reevaluating university-wide needs and options. Exploratory meetings are being held to consider the use of Salesforce Student Success Hub as TTU's next platform. Bilkey asked about the cost implications. Lauderdale explained that the CFO is working out the licensing logistics, as we already use Salesforce in various areas across the university. The goal is to have the licensing centrally funded.

Stewart then shared an updated organizational chart and explained the realignment of responsibilities within the Office of the Provost. As identified by the Provost's recent memo, many of these changes will take effect at the end of the Spring 2022 semester, with a handful taking effect immediately. Shannon asked who will be facilitating the Academic Council meetings going forward, and Stewart explained that the decisions regarding conveners of various councils are forthcoming.

Stewart then asked for items of other business. Brown explained that Associate Deans will be receiving an email regarding missing Midterm grades. Midterm grades are due Wednesday, March 23 at 5:00 p.m.

Lauderdale mentioned the deadline to register for the Transfer Summit is March 28. Registration can be accessed at the following link:
<https://indico.ads.ttu.edu/conferenceDisplay.py?ovw=True&confId=1468>.

James pointed out that Discoveries to Impact week is next week and invited interested Council Members to serve as judges for the Undergraduate Research Conference.

Sumner announced that the Black Cultural Center will open April 29, and the opening ceremony will take place from 3-5 p.m. that day. Sumner added that a Multicultural Center and a Hispanic Cultural Center are also in the works.

With no other business or announcements, Stewart adjourned the meeting.