

**Texas Tech University  
Academic Council**

**Meeting of December 20, 2022  
1:30 PM, via Zoom  
Attendance**

**Present:** Nurcan Bac, Andrea Bilkey, Stefanie Borst, Bobbie Brown, Deedee Brown-Campbell, Jana Campbell, Todd Chambers, Robert Cox, Debbie Davis, Mayukh Dass, Dottie Durband, Genevieve Durham DeCesaro, Kristi Gaines, Heather Greenhalgh-Spencer, Matt Gregory, Lindsay Hallowell, Jamie Hansard, Kaelene Hansen, Bret Hendricks, Catherine Jai, Darryl James (Chair), Amy Koerber, Rodney Lackey, Mitzi Lauderdale, Ryan Litsey, Brenda Martinez, Pat McConnel, Pradip Sahu, Sarah Schwintz, Brian Shannon, Jaeki Song, Carol Sumner, Clay Taylor, Elizabeth Trejos-Castillo, Dino Villegas, and Janessa Walls.

**Guests:** Stephen Ekwaro-Osire and Rajesh Khare.

<b>Action Items:</b>
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James called the meeting to order by presenting the November minutes. With no discussion, Brown moved to approve the minutes, Shannon seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Hallowell introduced the summary of course proposals, beginning with the voting items. Hallowell pointed out that item 4, HONS 4301, will be taught in conjunction with the TTUHSC and will be taught by a TTUHSC professor. Bac added that the Petroleum Engineering department is reducing the prerequisites for many of their courses and is also changing many course numbers, as many courses designed to be taken in the sophomore year are currently numbered in the 3000-level range. Moving on, Hallowell pointed out the series of course deletions from Hospitality and Retail Management and explained that these courses have either been replaced with HRM courses or have not been offered in many years. Durband added that the department is cleaning up some of their inactive courses.

With no additional discussion, James called for a motion. Greenhalgh-Spencer moved to approve all the voting items, Trejos-Castillo seconded, and the courses were approved. Hallowell then gave an overview of the informational items, which were mostly prerequisite, corequisite, and restriction changes.

Next, Hallowell introduced the program proposals, beginning with the voting items, the first two being new undergraduate certificates in Geographic Information Science and Technology and Hotel Analytics and Management. James reminded the Council members that the THECB changes being implemented September 1 will mean that certificates are treated like all other programs. It is unsure how these updates will affect SACSCOC requirements, but it is likely that all certificates being offered independently of degree programs will require the full Institutional Effectiveness process as is required for degree programs.

Hallowell then explained that items 3 and 4 were to change the titles of the Wind Energy undergraduate concentration and undergraduate certificate to Renewable Energy. With no further discussion, Chambers moved to approve, Trejos-Castillo seconded, and the program proposals were approved. Then Hallowell introduced the informational items, which consisted of curricular

changes. James reminded the Council members that all curricular changes need to be processed through Curriculog in order to update DegreeWorks.

Hallowell added that all proposals being processed in Curriculog will be updated in the new catalog, so departments do not need to send any additional information on those programs with their catalog revisions. On that note, Hallowell reminded the Council members that catalog edits are due January 17.

James asked for items of other business. Hearing none, James gave an overview from the SACSCOC annual meeting, which occurred earlier in the month. TTU has been approved for differentiated review, which means we are only required to address 40 of the approximate 75 requirements and standards in our upcoming review. TTU was also approved for El Paso to be an off-campus instructional site where more than 50% of a degree program can be offered, which means that more than 50% of the M.S. in Architecture can be offered in El Paso. In addition, the One Health Sciences, Ph.D. program was finally approved by SACSCOC.

Hearing no other items of other business or announcements, James called for a motion to adjourn. Sumner moved, Greenhalgh-Spencer seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.