

**Texas Tech University  
Academic Council**

**Meeting of June 20, 2023  
1:30 PM, via Zoom**

**Attendance**

**Present:** Cindy Akers, Kathy Austin, Nurcan Bac, Andrea Bilkey, Stefanie Borst, Ashlee Brown (for Dottie Durband), Bobbie Brown, Chad Cain, Todd Chambers, Robert Cox, John Dascanio, Mayukh Dass, Debbie Davis, Genevieve Durham DeCesaro, Heather Greenhalgh-Spencer, Lindsay Hallowell, Kaelene Hansen, Wendy-Adele Humphrey, Jorge Iber, Darryl James (Chair), Kelsey Kern (for Sarah Schwintz), Rodney Lackey, Mitzi Lauderdale, Ryan Litsey, Brenda Martinez, Pat McConnel, Brian Shannon, Jaeki Song, Carol Sumner, Amelia Talley, Clay Taylor, Dino Villegas, and Janessa Walls.

<p><b>Action Items:</b> None.</p>
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James called the meeting to order by introducing the minutes from the May meeting. Hearing no discussion, James called for a motion. Cox moved, Greenhalgh-Spencer seconded, and the minutes were approved.

For the next item of business, Hallowell introduced the summary of course proposals, beginning with the voting items. Iber requested to table item 10, HONS 4325, pending discussions between the Honors College and the Department of Philosophy. Villegas asked if the new Honors courses were only for Honors students. Cain explained that they are designed for Honors students, but empty seats may be filled by qualified students outside the Honors College. James asked for clarification on the proposed internship course. Cain explained that the course is designed to only fulfill Honors College requirements. Talley asked about the contact hours for item 16, PFW 1124. Hallowell offered to clarify those contact hours. (N.B. After discussing with the department, Hallowell corrected the contact hours to 1:2:0:0.)

Hallowell mentioned that item 19 was an emergency title change from the School of Veterinary Medicine, so the effective date is fall 2023 rather than spring 2024 like the other course changes. With no further discussion of the course proposals, James called for a motion to approve. Villegas moved, Cox seconded, and the course proposals were approved, with item 10 being tabled. Hallowell added that there were no informational items.

Hallowell then introduced the program proposals, beginning with the voting items. New program proposals consisted of undergraduate certificates in Carbon Capture Utilization Storage and Historical Performance; an undergraduate concentration in Mariachi for the Music, B.A.; and undergraduate minors in Theatre Arts-Cosplay and Costume Technology, Theatre Arts-Design Visualization, Theatre Arts-Stage Management and Production, and Theatre Arts-Theatre Technology. James added that we will be sending all certificates to the THECB for notification.

The next voting item was a proposal to add an online modality to the Counseling and Addiction Recovery Sciences, B.S. The last voting item was a proposal to change the title of the undergraduate minor in Theatre Arts-Design to Theatre Arts-Design and Technology for the

Entertainment Industry and to change the curriculum for the minor. Hallowell then mentioned the sole informational item, which was a curricular change for the Studies in Personal Finance undergraduate minor. With no further discussion, James called for a motion. Chambers moved, Talley seconded, and the programs were approved.

James then called for items of other business. Chambers commended Zach Manning and the RRO team for their efforts this summer. He then mentioned that there's a week left of RRO, and on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, students and their families line up at 10 a.m. and wait to check in. Chambers added that it would be nice for any available staff and faculty to stop by and welcome the students while they wait.

Austin gave an update on the project to integrate attendance with the Raider Success Hub. Austin explained that Top Hat is not currently equipped to transfer the item-level attendance data through Blackboard to Sales Force (Raider Success Hub) because of a vendor limitation. Lauderdale added that they are hesitant to use attendance data because attendance is not tracked consistently across campus, but they are looking forward to getting this integration worked through.

James asked for announcements. Lauderdale said that for the last few summers, Holden Hall has hosted a One Stop access point for students during the move-in process. The One-Stop will take place in the SUB this summer and will mirror move-in times. Financial Aid, the Scholarship Office, Military & Veterans Programs, Traffic & Parking, and Student Business Services will be attending.

James announced that this was Sumner's last Academic Council meeting and thanked her for her work at TTU the last several years. The Council members echoed James' thanks.

James then reminded Council members that any voting items needed for July will be voted on via email, and we hope to meet in person again in August.

Hearing no other items of other business or announcements, James adjourned the meeting.