

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Texas Tech University

Meeting of
February 16, 2010

MINUTES

Present: Wendell Aycock, Don Clancy, Wesley Cochran, Cathy Duran, Gary Elbow, Greg Elkins, Dennis Harp, Bob Henry, Sheila Hoover, Norm Hopper, Lynn Huffman, Patrick Hughes, Jorge Iber, Peggy Johnson, Sue Jones, Michelle Kiser, Bobbie Latham, Sheila Gray for Ethan Logan, Hossein Mansouri, Pat McConnel, Walt Oler, Valerie Paton, DaNay Phelps, Marjean Purinton, David Roach, Gary Smith, Rosslyn Smith, Brian Steele, Rob Stewart (chair), Kevin Stoker, Janessa Leisy Walls, Vicki West

Guests Present: Leann DiAndreth-Elkins, Jeffrey Lee, Elizabeth Teagan

The Academic Council reviewed the minutes from December 15, 2009, and January 19, 2010. Phelps noted that she should be included in the list of members present at the January meeting. Jones moved to accept the minutes as corrected, Purinton seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

DiAndreth-Elkins from the College of Education presented a proposal for a 15-hour Graduate Certificate in Special Education Transition. Johnson moved the proposal be accepted, Hopper seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Roach and Lee updated council members on plans to move the geography program out of the Department of Economics and Geography and into the Department of Geosciences. This would involve a name change and the Department of Economics and Geography would become the Department of Economics. Huffman moved that the council support the College of Arts and Sciences in its decision to relocate the geography department, Elbow seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Gray presented as an information item changes to OP 34.01 Undergraduate Admissions. The edited text was meant to clarify policies concerning student admissions.

Elbow presented two course additions recommended by the Core Curriculum Steering Committee to the Individual and Group Behavior component of the Core: ADRS 2310 (Understanding Alcohol, Drugs and Addictive Behaviors) and CLAS 3335 (Archaeologies of the Classical World). Elbow pointed out that no vote was required since committee reports do not require a vote for acceptance.

Jones presented the course approval summary and reported that the issues had been resolved in relation to three courses tabled at the January meeting — ACOM 3305, 4305 and 4311. Stoker moved that the three courses be taken off the table and included in the list of courses to be considered for approval. Elbow seconded the motion and the motion passed. In considering the full slate of course approvals, council members expressed concern over issues related to five courses: MGT 4372, CE 4101, CS 4000, PETR 4385, and PETR 4386. Jones moved to table the five courses and accept all the other courses as presented. R. Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Stewart discussed a proposal presented to the council at an earlier meeting to phase out the B.S. in Health and schedule deletion for December 2012. The council agreed unanimously.

Huffman presented the following recommendations for changes and deletions to degree programs within the College of Human Sciences:

- Change the name of the B.S. in Clothing, Textiles and Merchandising–Retailing to a B.S. in Retail Management
- Change the name of the B.S. in Clothing, Textiles and Merchandising–Apparel Design to a B.S. in Apparel Design and Manufacturing
- Change the name of the B.S. in Human Development and Family Studies–Early Childhood to a B.S. in Early Childhood
- Change the name of the B.S. in Home Economics to a B.S. in Human Sciences
- Change the name of the B.S. in Nutritional Sciences–General Dietetics to a B.S. in Nutritional Sciences and Dietetics
- Change the name of the B.S. in Nutritional Sciences to a B.S. in Nutrition
- Change the name of the M.S. in Restaurant, Hotel and Institutional Management to a M.S. in Hospitality and Retail Management (approved by Graduate Council in January)
- Change the CIP of the B.S. in Family and Consumer Science to 13.1308.00
- Delete the B.S. in Clothing, Textiles and Merchandising
- Delete the B.S. in Human Development and Family Studies—Family Studies
- Delete the B.S. in Human Development and Family Studies—Human Development

R. Smith moved that the council accept the degree program changes as recommended by the college. Aycock seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Paton presented information on low-producing programs and the university's response to the Coordinating Board.

Jones presented the detailed 2010-2011 Academic Calendar and said the information would be posted on her department's website and printed in the upcoming *2010-11 Undergraduate and Graduate Catalog*.

Stewart reminded council members of the ongoing discussion regarding what to do about students repeating a course more than once. He asked for volunteers to serve on a committee to make policy recommendations to the Academic Council on March 9. Bobbie Latham, DaNay Phelps, Gary Elbow, and Cathy Duran volunteered.

In regard to the concern for how to avoid misuse of the grade of PR, four council members volunteered to serve on a committee to recommend a policy statement: Gary Elbow, Jorge Iber, Marjean Purinton, and Bobbie Latham.

Elbow said that the Convocation Committee met to discuss the issue of whether a student can participate in graduation ceremonies with a graduating class other than their own. The committee decided to revise the current policy and allow college deans to decide the issue when students are scheduled to graduate and have an interruption.

Stewart reminded council members that on April 1 mandatory background checks go into effect for new faculty hires and part-time instructors. When a job offer is made, the candidate must be informed of the need for a background check.