

**ACADEMIC COUNCIL**  
Texas Tech University

Meeting of  
**March 15, 2011**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Wendell Aycock, Wesley Cochran, Cathy Duran, Greg Elkins, Dale Ganus, Melanie Hart, Bob Henry, Sheila Hoover, Norm Hopper, Lynn Huffman, Patrick Hughes, Jorge Iber, Peggy Johnson, Sue Jones, Bobbie Brown, Jamie Hansard for Ethan Logan, Pat McConnel, Juan Munoz, Valerie Paton, DaNay Phelps, Marjean Purinton, David Roach, Brian Shannon, Rob Stewart (chair), Janessa Walls, Vicki West

**Guests:** Joshua Barron, Randy Burkett

Council members reviewed the February 15, 2011, minutes of the Academic Council. Brown asked that the list of those in attendance be revised to show that Bob Schaller represented the Registrar's Office. Hopper moved that the minutes be accepted as revised, Aycock seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Stewart presented requests from the Whitaker College of Engineering to phase out (1) the M.S. in Manufacturing Systems and Engineering in the Department of Industrial Engineering and (2) the B.S. in Engineering Technology (with specializations in Construction, Electrical/Electronics, and Mechanical Engineering Technology) in the Department of Construction Engineering and Engineering Technology. The master's program requested a phase-out date of December 31, 2011, and the bachelor's program requested a December 31, 2014, phase-out date. Purinton moved that the phase-outs be approved as requested, Huffman seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Jones presented the March course approval summary. Council members approved the courses but gave conditional approval to (1) ANSC 2310, Horses in World Art, pending the outcome of a syllabus review by the Visual and Performing Arts subcommittee of the Core Curriculum Committee and (2) RHIM 3370, Wedding Planning, pending a review of the title. (NOTE: The VPA subcommittee subsequently approved the ANSC 2310 syllabus, and the College of Human Sciences withdrew its request to add RHIM 3370 to its curriculum.)

Duran presented proposals for four new undergraduate certificates in the Rawls College of Business: (1) Global Supply Chain Management Certificate in Energy, (2) Sales Certificate in Energy, (3) International Business Certificate in Energy, and (4) Undergraduate Certificate in Leadership. Henry moved that the council approve the certificates, Shannon seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Henry presented a proposal from the College of Visual and Performing Arts for a new undergraduate Certificate in World Music. Roach moved that the council approve the certificate, Aycock, seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Roach presented the Core Curriculum Committee's recommendation to delete three courses from the Visual and Performing Arts list of Core courses: ARCH 1412, LARC 1401, and SPAN 4392. Roach moved that the council accept the recommendation of the CCC, Huffman seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Six programs requested approval for program hours in excess of 120 hours:

1. B.S. in Human Development and Family Studies with teaching certification in Family and Consumer Sciences: 126 hours
2. B.S. in Early Childhood Teacher Certification: 128 hours
3. B.S. in Microbiology: 122 hours
4. B.S. in Zoology: 122 hours
5. B.S. in Cell & Molecular Biology: 122 hours
6. B.S. in Biology: 122 hours

Huffman moved that the council approve the hours for each program, Henry seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Three recommendations were forwarded from the Graduate Council with a request for approval:

1. Required hours be reduced from 36 to 30 credit hours in the non-thesis master's programs for the M.S. in Civil Engineering and the Master of Environmental Engineering.
2. Required hours be reduced from 36 to 30 credit hours in all tracks for the M.A. in Mass Communications.
3. Phase-out of the Community Design and Development Certificate and the Visualization Certificate in the College of Architecture.

Roach moved that the changes in these graduate programs be approved, Aycock seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

As an information item, errors were corrected in the credit hours for two degree programs:

1. The B.S. in Multidisciplinary Science hours should be 125 to 128 hours, not 125 to 126 as approved on February 15, 2011.
2. The B.S. in Mechanical Engineering should be 128 hours, not 126 as approved on April 1, 2008.