

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Texas Tech University

Meeting of
June 21, 2011

MINUTES

Present: Adrien Bennings, Bruce Bills, Hansel Burley for Peggy Johnson, Wesley Cochran, Gary Elbow, Jamie Hansard for Ethan Logan, Melanie Hart, Bob Henry, Sheila Hoover, Lynn Huffman, Jorge Iber, Ramona Johnson for Norm Hopper, Sue Jones, John Kobza, Pat McConnel, Tara Miller for Amy Murphy, Juan Munoz, Daniel Nathan, Walt Oler, Patricia Perkins for Clifton Ellis, DaNay Phelps, Marjean Purinton, Robert Schaller for Bobbie Brown, Brian Shannon, Geleah Sharp for Cathy Duran, Rob Stewart (chair), Kevin Stoker, Janessa Walls, Vicki West

Council members reviewed the May 17, 2011, minutes of the Academic Council. Huffman moved the minutes be approved, Cochran seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Jones presented the June course approval summary. She noted that ARCH 2351 had been tabled at the May meeting because of questions regarding whether it met all the requirements for adding a non-credit discussion. After having Perkins assure the council that the course met the requirements, Jones moved that ARCH 2351 be taken off the table and included in the list of June course requests to be approved. Stoker seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Cochran subsequently moved that the June course approval summary be approved. Henry seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Elbow informed the council of a curriculum change in the M.A. in Economics that would result in a uniform requirement of 36 hours for both the thesis and non-thesis options.

Miller updated the council on Red Raider Orientation and distributed a sheet showing registrations, attendance, and enrollments during the first half of June. All categories increased less than 1 percent over 2010 figures. Munoz and Miller emphasized the increased faculty involvement in RRO and the contribution this participation is making to orientation. Munoz also said that the freshman convocation will be reinstated this fall and scheduled for Allen Theatre.

Munoz announced the following administrative job openings within the Provost's area:

- Assistant Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education
- Assistant Vice Provost for Student Affairs
- Executive Director of TLTC
- Director of Women's Studies

Each position has a separate selection committee headed by an individual chair.

Nathan said Faculty Senate members have expressed concern over this summer's electronic evaluations of courses and instructors. Past evaluations have been conducted with paper questionnaires passed out during class. Paper evaluations assured that students who were attending class were the responders. Stewart said that previous evaluations have had to be inputted by hand, and the summer 2011 electronic evaluations are only an experiment to

determine the feasibility of moving to electronic evaluations during the long semesters. Because of their experimental nature, the results of this summer's evaluations will not be used in tenure decisions.