

ACADEMIC COUNCIL
Texas Tech University

Meeting of
June 26, 2012

MINUTES

Present: Cindy Akers, Alex Alston, Bobbie Brown, Wes Cochran, Gary Elbow, Ryan Gibbs, Melanie Hart, Bob Henry, Sheila Hoover, Lynn Huffman, Peggy Johnson, Sue Jones, Ethan Logan, Pat McConnell, Tara Miller for Cathy Duran and Amy Murphy, Steven Morales for Janessa Walls, Audra Morse, Patti Perkins for Clifton Ellis, Marjean Purinton, David Roach, Geleah Sharp for Michele Moskos, Brian Steele, Rob Stewart (chair), Kevin Stoker, Vicki West.

Guests: Kathy Austin, Daniel East, Justin Louder, David Lucas, Brenda Martinez and Mike Simmons

Austin, Lucas, East and Simmons demonstrated a “Manage Small Course” website developed by Information Technology to provide information on small courses and how to manage these courses. They distributed a system flowchart detailing how to keep, convert or remove a course as well as achieve administrative consensus on management of the course. The new system will undergo a two-week test before becoming operational. Stewart will provide council members with information regarding the trial period.

Stewart presented the May 22, 2012, minutes of the Academic Council. Purinton moved the minutes be accepted as presented. Morse seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Jones presented the June course approval summary. As a result of having resolved issues related to three courses tabled at the May meeting (EDSP 6301, EDSP 6303, PETR 5384), Jones moved that the courses be taken off the table and reconsidered with the June course approvals. Purinton seconded the motion, and the motion passed. After reviewing the June courses, council members questioned the changes proposed by #4 (MGT 4385) because the changes would significantly alter the content of the course. Henry moved that the course be tabled and sent back to the college with the suggestion that the college create a new course with a new number. Jones seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Stoker moved that all other courses be approved as presented. Morse seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Elbow informed the council members of a new Arts and Sciences minor in Geographic Information Science and Technology (GIST), which will replace the minor in Geographic Information Science (GIS).

Henry announced plans for the College of Visual and Performing Arts to phase out the Bachelor of Arts in Art-Art History program and consolidate it with the Bachelor of Arts in Art. Art History will become one of two Fields of Specialization under the B.A. in Art.

Henry noted the recent change in the 2012-13 catalog regarding MATH 1300, 1320, and 1420. Although students cannot receive Core credit for both MATH 1320 and 1420, all three courses are now approved to complete the 6-hour math Core requirement. Henry moved that approval of all three courses be accepted retroactively for all active students who have not yet completed the Core math requirement. Purinton seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Miller reported that this summer’s Red Raider Orientation has had more parent participation than in the past, but 20 percent of the student participants are changing their majors during orientation. She distributed a summary report of the first two June sessions.

In response to a question from Steele, Stewart said OP 32.01 (standards and procedures for promotion and tenure) and OP 32.02 (faculty non-appointment, dismissal, and tenure revocation) will be signed and posted soon.

Cochran announced that Texas A&M University has signed a letter of intent to purchase Texas Wesleyan University School of Law. Because of the intent of A&M to keep the school in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex, Cochran expressed concern that a state-supported law school operating in the Metroplex may affect TTU law school enrollment adversely. He has about one-third of Tech's law students come from the Dallas/Fort Worth area.