

ACADEMIC COUNCIL
Texas Tech University

Meeting of
August 16, 2011

MINUTES

Present: Cindy Akers, Adrien Bennings, Sam Bradley, Bobbie Brown, Cathy Duran, Dale Ganus, Gary Elbow, Melanie Hart, Sheila Hoover, Norm Hopper, Lynn Huffman, Patrick Hughes, Jorge Iber, Sue Jones, John Kobza, Pat McConnel, Amy Murphy, Valerie Paton, Patti Perkins for Clifton Ellis, DaNay Phelps, Marjean Purinton, David Roach, Brian Shannon (also representing Wes Cochran), Brian Steele, Rob Stewart (chair), Kevin Stoker, Janessa Walls, Vicki West

Guests: Joshua Barron, Juli McCauley, Nicci Price, Marcus Tanner, Delia Tibbs

Stewart opened the meeting by recognizing new council members and acknowledging Hopper's retirement at the end of the month.

McCauley described the efforts of the Student Health Service to transition to a new pricing and billing system. The new insurance billing model is designed to ensure that all students, regardless of insurance coverage, receive substantial benefits based on payment of the Medical Service Fee (MSF). The MSF covers the copayment for insured students and discounts fees for provider services by 60 percent for students with no insurance.

Council members reviewed the minutes for July 19, 2011, and noted the attendance list failed to include Herschel Mann, who was representing Brian Shannon. Huffman moved that the minutes be accepted with the revision. Roach seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Jones moved that the two course approval requests that had been tabled at the July meeting, MRST 7000 and UCIS 3301, be taken off the table and reconsidered. Hopper seconded the motion and the motion passed. The council considered each course request separately. After extensive discussion, Hopper moved that UCIS 3301 be approved, Duran seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Roach commented that the problems affecting MRST 7000 had been resolved and moved that the course be approved. Jones seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Hughes briefed the council on the recent formation of the Office of Community College and Transfer Relations (CCTR) and introduced Phelps as senior administrator of the new office. Phelps said CCTR works to create partnerships with other institutions of higher education to orchestrate a seamless transfer of students to Texas Tech. She provided a brief overview of the office and described how the office assists potential transfer students.

Elbow provided a debriefing on August commencement exercises and invited council members to offer comments and feedback.

Council members discussed the possible solutions to showing in the Banner system that a student has been moved from suspension to probation after academic deans exercise their prerogatives to grant suspended students the opportunity to take classes.