

ACADEMIC COUNCIL
Texas Tech University

Meeting of
August 20, 2013

MINUTES

Present: Bobbie Brown, Cathy Duran, Gary Elbow, Steve Frazee for Cindy Akers, Ralph Ferguson, Ryan Gibbs, Jarod Gonzalez, Melanie Hart, Bob Henry, Sheila Hoover, Lynn Huffman, Patrick Hughes, Jorge Iber, Sue Jones, Michelle Kiser, Ethan Logan, Justin Louder, Andrew Martin, Pat McConnel, Juan Munoz, Catherine Parsonneault, Marjean Purinton, David Roach, Brian Shannon, Geleah Sharp for Debbie Laverie, Brian Steele, Rob Stewart (chair), Kevin Stoker, Janessa Walls, Vicky West, Anna Young

Guests: Erin Justyna, Robin Lock, Jennifer Hughes, Richard Zartman

Stewart presented the minutes of the July 16, 2013, meeting. With the exception of moving Anna Young's name from the list of guests to the list of council members, Purinton moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Huffman seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Justyna presented an overview of the Center for Active Learning and Undergraduate Engagement (CALUE), formerly named the Center for Undergraduate Research. Justyna explained that CALUE is new in terms of a title but its efforts are not new.

Council members watched a short video spotlighting a scholar-athlete. A different scholar-athlete will be spotlighted each month on www.texastech.com.

Lock updated council members on the availability of a specialization in school psychology within graduate degrees offered by the College of Education's Department of Educational Psychology and Leadership. This specialization offers specific coursework required for state licensure as a Specialist in School Psychology.

Jones presented the August course approval summary. Lock pointed out that item #8 on the summary should be EDSP 5349, not 5346. In addition, Stoker questioned item #4 and asked that it be tabled to allow time to discuss relevant issues with CASNR. Huffman moved that item #4 be tabled, item #8 be corrected, and the remaining summary information be approved. Purinton seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Elbow reported that the new Core is finished and waiting to be sent to THECB.

Hughes reported that 2,600 sections of Blackboard need to be migrated by August 26; 1,900 have been completed. He expressed the need for more training in Blackboard and provided a handout of upcoming training sessions.

Stewart encouraged colleges to respond to the small classes portal for the fall semester.

Elbow presented a list of 13 courses in the School of Law that will be terminated as a result of not having been taught in three years: LAW 6230, 6301, 6052, 6210, 6246, 6234, 6322, 6003, 6043, 6038, 6058, 6214, and 6273.

Stewart provided council members with a 2013-14 Provost Planning Calendar and reviewed significant due dates on the calendar.

Parsoneault updated the council on the work of reaffirmation teams preparing responses to SACSCOC/QEP.

Other Business:

- Walls said the instructor-on-record input process has been streamlined and we have 131 new instructors in fall 2013.
- Shannon noted that there are not enough textbooks for new students at the School of Law and questioned how this happened.
- West explained that the university is 3 percent higher in fall enrollment than the same point last year but is still 1,700 short of what is needed for the first class day.
- J. Hughes said the Office of Planning and Assessment will be sending emails to colleges asking for assessment test be allowed to be administered in certain classes.