ACADEMIC COUNCIL
Texas Tech University

Meeting of
October 23, 2012

MINUTES

Present: Bobbie Brown, Hansel Burley for Peggy Johnson, Cathy Duran, Gary Elbow, Clifton Ellis, Cliff Fedler, Ralph Ferguson, Ryan Gibbs, Jarod Gonzalez, Maegan Guzman for Janessa Walls, Melanie Hart, Bob Henry, Sheila Hoover, Lynn Huffman, Patrick Hughes, Jorge Iber, Ramona Johnson for Cindy Akers, Sue Jones, Michelle Kiser, Ethan Logan, Andrew Martin, Felicia Martin, Audra Morse, Michele Moskos, Marjean Purinton, David Roach, Christine Self, Brian Steele, Rob Stewart (chair), Kevin Stoker, Vicki West.

Guests: Mary Frances Agnello, John Barkdull, Sandra Crosier, Caryl Heintz-Wyatt, Justin Louder, Elizabeth McDaniel, Chris Smith, Brenda Winn

Stewart presented the minutes of the September 18, 2012, meeting and noted that the name of Andrew Martin should be moved to the list of members present. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Crosier explained the new procedures for credit approval and course equivalencies for Study Abroad.

Elbow presented a new proposal from the Department of Political Science for a Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies. Stoker moved that the new degree be accepted as presented. Purinton seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Elbow and Heintz presented a proposal from the Department of Biological Sciences for a Professional Science Master’s (PSM) in Environmental Sustainability and Natural Resource Management. Henry moved that the new program be approved as presented. Purinton seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Elbow and Smith presented an application from the School of Music for a new 15-hour, upper-level Undergraduate Certificate in Community Arts Entrepreneurship. Purinton moved that the new certificate be accepted as presented. Morse seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Burley presented changes being made to the Master Mentor Teacher Certificate in the College of Education: (1) The name will be changed to Master Mentor Certificate, (2) The certificate will be offered entirely online, (3) The curriculum has been updated.

Huffman announced that the Department of Human Development and Family Studies has a new 15-hour graduate minor in Cross-Cultural Studies (CCS). She also noted that the Master of Science in Marriage and Family Therapy will now have both thesis and non-thesis components.

Jones presented the 2017 Academic Calendar. Council members had no questions or suggestions.
Guzman discussed proposed new titles and definitions for assistant instructors, teaching assistants, and academic assistants.

Jones presented the October course approvals. After extensive discussion, Purinton moved to accept only items 1 through 20 and table items 21 through 32. Huffman seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Elbow presented proposed new Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) for the Multicultural Requirement. Purinton moved that SLO’s be accepted as presented. Morse seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Morse presented updates to the review protocol for the Departmental Excellence in Teaching Award.

Brown asked council members for an effective date regarding the August decision to require a minimum of one credit-bearing semester hour for any in-resident student and any students in their semester of graduation. The council agreed unanimously that the decision was effective immediately as of the August meeting.