

**ACADEMIC COUNCIL**  
Texas Tech University

Meeting of  
**November 16, 2010**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Wendell Aycock, Bruce Bills, Wesley Cochran, Cathy Duran, Gary Elbow, Greg Elkins, Bob Henry, Sheila Hoover, Ramona Johnson for Norm Hopper, Jean Scott for Lynn Huffman, Patrick Hughes, Jorge Iber, Peggy Johnson, Sue Jones, Bob Schaller for Bobbie Latham, Debra Lavrie, Marlene Hernandez for Ethan Logan, Pat McConnel, Juan Munoz, Walt Oler, Marjean Purinton, Melanie Hart for David Roach, Brian Shannon, Brian Steele, Rob Stewart (chair), Kevin Stoker, Janessa Walls, Tess Barlow for Vicki West

**Guests:** Joshua Barron, Cliff Fedler, John Kirby, Peggy Miller, Kathy Sperry

John Kirby, the new General Manager of KTXT-TV, presented a brief summary of his plans for the television station and appealed to Academic Council members to help in identifying local stories. He can be contacted at 742-2209 or john.kirby@ttu.edu.

Cliff Fedler, Associate Dean of the Graduate School, and Kathy Sperry, Senior Director of the Institute for Forensic Science, presented a proposal for a Master of Science in Forensic Science to be administered by the Graduate School. After Hart expressed concern that the College of Arts and Sciences had not been informed about or involved in development of the interdisciplinary proposal, Purinton moved that the proposal be approved pending contact with and approval of the College of Arts and Sciences. Aycock seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Stewart introduced Peggy Miller, the new Interim Dean of the Graduate School. Miller told council members that in order to “grow the Graduate School,” the university will need more degrees to attract new student populations.

The Academic Council reviewed the minutes of the October 19, 2010, meeting and approved the minutes as presented.

Elbow presented the recommendation of the Core Curriculum Committee that ITAL 3315, The Cinema of Federico Fellini, be added to the Core options in Visual and Performing Arts beginning in the fall of 2011. Purinton moved that the council accept the recommendation of the CCC, Aycock seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Hughes discussed the recent decision for University College to assume administration of the B.A. and B.S. degrees in University Studies. He cited the differences in the bachelor’s degree in university studies and the Bachelor of General Studies. Henry reminded the council that the College of Visual and Performing Arts also offers a B.G.S. degree.

Jones told council members that she has identified references in the catalog to the words “correspondence courses” and will be contacting various colleges to determine what change in wording would be appropriate. In addition, Jones cautioned colleges and departments regarding changes to admission requirements. Sec. 51.805 of the state legislative statutes states that admission requirements (including any changes) must be published one year before the date *applications are first considered*. As a result,

any change in admission requirements would need to appear in the university catalog two years prior to the fall semester of implementation.

Jones presented the October course approval summary and noted possible discrepancies in the contact hours of CHE 5344. Purinton moved that we table CHE 5344 but approve the remaining courses. Aycock seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Elkins discussed the need to include a 45- to 50-minute academic presentation at the beginning of the second day of Red Raider Orientation “to set the tone for the day.” He asked council members to contact him with ideas regarding the content of the academic presentation.

Stewart said course fees were being reviewed for spring semester and there would be no changes after November 19.

Munoz reported that the Governor’s Office has contacted both the President’s Office and the Provost’s Office for information regarding current programs serving at-risk students. Munoz has emailed all the university’s colleges for program information, including a brief abstract, bullet statements, and a program budget. He urged the colleges to respond quickly because of the short turnaround time required to gather the information.

Elbow reported that the untaught courses list compiled by IRIM had been circulated to the colleges. From the list of 272 courses, the university will retain 131 and delete 141.

Johnson questioned the council chair regarding the failure to include a College of Education degree proposal on the Academic Council agenda. The proposed blended delivery of the Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction would include the majority of the program delivered online through web-based technologies, but new cohorts would attend a two-day on-campus orientation at Texas Tech in Lubbock. In addition, all cohorts would attend an annual on-campus intensive two-week session during the summer for the first three years of the program. Because the proposal was approved earlier by the Graduate Council and vetted by the Distributed Education Council, Stewart agreed to expedite the process by circulating the proposal to council members via email. The proposal was subsequently sent on November 17, 2010. Council members were asked to review the proposal and respond with an email vote. The proposal was approved on November 22 with no dissenting votes.

Munoz concluded the meeting by inviting council members to send him recommendations for a new director of the Women’s Studies Program.