

ACADEMIC COUNCIL
Texas Tech University

Meeting of
November 19, 2013

MINUTES

Present: Mary Frances Agnello, Cindy Akers, Stefanie Borst, Adrienne Carnes, Cathy Duran, Gary Elbow, Cliff Fedler, Ralph Ferguson, Ryan Gibbs, Jarod Gonzalez, Melanie Hart, Bob Henry, Sheila Hoover, Lynn Huffman, Jorge Iber, Peggy Johnson, Sue Jones, Mitzi Lauderdale, Robin Lock, Ethan Logan, Justin Louder, Andrew Martin, Felicia Martin, Brenda Martinez for Bobbie Brown, Pat McConnel, Amy Murphy, Audra Morse, Catherine Parsonneault, Bill Pasewark, Marjean Purinton, David Roach, Brian Shannon, Brian Steele, Rob Stewart (chair), Kevin Stoker, Janessa Walls, Vicky West, and Anna Young

Guests: Ann Hawkins, Jennifer Hughes, Peggy Miller, Craig Morton

Stewart presented the minutes of the October 15, 2013, meeting. Purinton moved they be accepted as presented. Morse seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Morton encouraged council members to report online any information about projects and activities involving collaborations with local, state, national, and international partners. The Outreach and Engagement Inventory closes for input on December 3 so that data for the previous fiscal year can be aggregated and summarized.

Stewart presented the November course approvals. After hearing concerns about inappropriate titles for BIOL 1110 and 1301, Roach moved that the two courses be tabled to give the department an opportunity to revise the titles. Akers seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Henry moved that the remaining courses be accepted as presented with the exception of removing “Hours” from the title of SOC 4399. Morse seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Jones presented the 2014-15 detailed calendar and explained that the “skeleton” calendar had been approved in 2011. The detailed information was supplied this fall by the housing, dining, registrar, Graduate School, and student business offices. Huffman moved that the calendar be accepted as presented. Iber seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Pasewark and Elbow presented proposals for the Graduate Certificate in Finance and the Graduate Certificate in Essentials of Business. Akers moved that the two 15-hour certificates be accepted as presented. Jones seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Elbow presented a report from the ad hoc committee to review semester credit hour limits on transfers from two-year colleges. The committee recommended that the number of maximum semester credit hours applied from two-year colleges to TTU degree

requirements be increased from 66 to 72. The units that administer the student's chosen degree program will decide whether the transferred courses will apply toward college, departmental or program degree requirements. The committee recommendation was considered as a motion. Stoker seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Stewart said the yearly update to the Texas Higher Education Accountability System is nearing completion and asked council members to consider submitting "excellent programs" that can be included in the system update.

Other Business:

- Council members discussed lab requirements for transfer students.
- Elbow said prerequisite requests will likely be declined if the prerequisite applied only to one section of a course.
- The Provost's Office encouraged a "strong faculty/staff showing" for the December 11 inauguration of President Nellis.
- The proposal for the Bachelor of Applied Arts & Sciences degree program tabled at the October meeting will be reviewed again in December.