

ACADEMIC COUNCIL
Texas Tech University

Meeting of
July 21, 2015

MINUTES

Present: Bobbie Brown, Claudia Cogliser, Tom Dolan for Justin Louder, Cathy Duran, Genevieve Durham DeCesaro, Stephen Ekwaro-Osire, Cliff Fedler, Ryan Gibbs, Paul Goebel, Cheryl Hedlund for Garrett McKinnon, Sheila Hoover, Lynn Huffman, Patrick Hughes, Jorge Iber, Michelle Kiser, Savannah Leonard for Cindy Akers, Robin Lock, Ethan Logan, Andrew Martin, Felicia Martin, Randy McBee, Pat McConnel, Richard Meek, Frank Ramos for Alison Myhra, Lori Rodriguez for Clifton Ellis, Rob Stewart chair, Kevin Stoker, Vicki West, Janessa Walls

Guests: Joshua Barron, Amy Boren, Todd Chambers, Vickie Sutton, Tricia Vitela

Stewart introduced the minutes from the June Academic Council meeting. After a brief discussion, Huffman moved that the minutes be approved as presented, Meek seconded, and the motion was approved.

The council heard a brief presentation regarding a proposed dual-degree program from the Law School and the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. The combined program would award a JD/Master of Science degree in Biotechnology, and pending approval from SACSCOC would begin in January 2016.

Boren presented a proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Global Food Security to be housed by the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. The proposed 12-hour multidisciplinary program would be the only one of its type in the country, and would be sponsored by the college's International Center for Food Industry Excellence. After a brief discussion, Fedler moved to approve the certificate as presented, Locke seconded, and the motion was approved.

The council heard a proposal to allow the existing M.S. degree in Agricultural Communications to be offered via online/distance delivery. After a brief discussion, Fedler moved to approve the change, Locke seconded, and the motion was approved.

A proposal for a new online M.S. degree in Nutrition and Dietetics was also presented. It was noted that in order to be granted licensure in this area of study, students must earn a master's degree, and online delivery would allow more students to pursue such a degree. After a brief discussion, Cogliser moved to approve the degree as presented, McBee seconded, and the motion was approved.

Locke presented a proposal to expand delivery of the existing Ph.D. in Special Education to include online delivery. Meek moved to approve the degree delivery expansion as presented, Chambers seconded, and the motion was approved.

Huffman discussed a proposal to expand delivery of the existing Ph.D. in Family and Consumer Sciences Education. She noted that the program was the only one of its type in the nation, and online delivery would expand access to the degree. After a brief discussion, Huffman moved to accept the proposed delivery expansion as presented, Locke seconded, and the motion was approved.

The council heard a proposal for a new Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences degree with a major in Restaurant, Hotel, and Institutional Management. The degree would be culinary based and coordinate with community college programs currently in existence. After some discussion, Locke moved to approve the degree proposal as submitted, Hughes seconded, and the motion was approved.

Hedlund presented the course approval summary, with three graduate-level courses on the docket. Brown moved that the courses be approved as presented, Fedler seconded, and the motion was approved.

The council then heard an update on student retention efforts.

In other business not on the scheduled agenda:

- Durham DeCesaro asked council members for clarification on AP score information.
- Staff changes at both Academic Support & Facilities Resources and the Office of the Registrar were announced.

With no further business to conduct, Stewart adjourned the meeting.