

Minutes - eLearning Council Meeting

Thursday, September 19, 2019 | 1:30 PM-3:00 PM

Blackboard Collaborate

Attendees: Justin Louder, Katie Randolph, Arthur Durband, Ashley Pruitt for Jennifer Hughes, Brent Guinn, Bret Hendricks, David Doerfert, Lydia Kloiber, Edward Hellman, Sarah Schwintz, Kathy Austin, Jodi Roginson, Cary Sallee, Karissa Greathouse, Jongpil Cheon, Larry Phillippe, Degen Wang, Marcus Tanner, Kelly Fox, MaryAlice Torres-MacDonald, Mayukh Dass, Mitzi Ziegner, Suzanne Tapp, Nan Li, Vickie Sutton, Sandra Huston, Jameshia Granberry, Lewis Snell, Sarah Asebedo

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. by Dr. Justin Louder.
- II. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:** Dr. David Doerfert made a motion to approve and Ms. Suzanne Tapp seconded. Minutes from the previous eLearning Council meeting, held on 4/18/19, were approved.
- III. **New Distance Program Approvals:**
 - a. **Concentration in Viticulture and Enology:** Dr. Edward Hellman spoke on the Concentration in Viticulture and Enology. Dr. Marcus Tanner made a motion to approve and Dr. Doerfert seconded. The proposal will be voted on in the next Academic Council Meeting.
 - b. **Concentration in Nutrition:** Ms. Lydia Klobier spoke on the Concentration in Nutrition. Dr. Tanner made a motion to approve and Dr. Doerfert seconded. The proposal will be voted on in the next Academic Council Meeting.
 - c. **Master of Business Administration & Master of Mass Communication Dual Degree:** Dr. Mayukh Dass spoke on the Master of Business Administration & Master of Mass Communication Dual Degree. Dr. Tanner made a motion to approve and Dr. Doerfert seconded. The proposal will be voted on in the next Graduate Council Meeting.
 - d. **Concentration in Integrative Studies in Healthcare:** Dr. Schwintz spoke on the Concentration in Integrative Studies in Healthcare. Dr. Tanner made a motion to approve and Dr. Doerfert seconded. The proposal will be voted on in the next Academic Council Meeting.
 - e. **Graduate Certificate in Life Centered Financial Planning:** Dr. Sarah Asebedo spoke on the Graduate Certificate in Life Centered Financial Planning. Dr. Tanner made a motion to approve and Dr. Doerfert seconded. The proposal will be voted on in the next Graduate Council Meeting.
 - f. **Graduate Certificate in Fundamental of Teaching and Learning:** Dr. Bret Hendricks spoke on the Graduate Certificate in Fundamental of Teaching and Learning. Dr. Tanner made a motion to approve and Dr. Doerfert seconded. The proposal will be voted on in the next Graduate Council Meeting.
 - g. **Graduate Certificate in Energy:** Dr. Dass spoke on the Graduate Certificate in Energy Concentration. Dr. Tanner made a motion to approve and Dr. Doerfert seconded. The proposal will be voted on in the next Academic Council Meeting.

- h. **Master of Energy:** Dr. Doerfert spoke on the Master of Energy. Dr. Tanner made a motion to approve and Dr. Doerfert seconded. The proposal will be voted on in the next Graduate Council Meeting.
 - i. **Minor in Anthropology - Waco:** Dr. Durband spoke on the Minor in Anthropology - Waco. Dr. Tanner made a motion to approve and Dr. Doerfert seconded. The proposal will be voted on in the next Academic Council Meeting.
- IV. **US News & World Report Discussion:** Dr. Louder spoke about the US News & World Report. US News and World Report ranks universities on several different things. One of them being their best online degree programs. Texas Tech University participates in the surveys for online bachelor's programs, online Master's in Education programs, Master's in Computer Information Technology, Master's in Online Engineering Master of Business Administration online, and the general Master's in Business online. Texas Tech has done well. The university has reflected increase in some areas and decrease in others. The Provost gave permission to eLearning to contract with Hanover Research to receive more information and review the survey results. The Council discussed thoughts on how to implement the recommendations. The Council decided to create a small working group to discuss and develop the best academic decision for the campus.
- V. **Blackboard Updates:** Dr. Kathy Austin spoke on Blackboard Updates. The university is currently working on renewing Blackboard. Within the next year, Blackboard services will be moving to a new manage hosting center housed by Amazon. This will offer better features and higher security. The move requires 3 days of downtime and the contract will have to go to the board for review. The Blackboard platform view for faculty, staff and students will remain the same.
- VI. **Open Discussion:** The Council discussed issues that faculty are having with the Blackboard live shell template. Dr. Louder asked that we add the Blackboard live shell as an item on the agenda for the next eLearning Council Meeting.
- VII. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.