

## Minutes - eLearning Council Meeting

Thursday, January 16, 2020 | 1:30 PM-3:00 PM

### Via Blackboard Collaborate

**Attendees:** Justin Louder, David Doerfert, Jody Roginson, Kathy Austin, Kurt Caswell, Larry Phillippe, Marcus Tanner, Mitzi Ziegner, Teresa Diaz, Degeng Wang, Pat McConnel, Laura Heinz, Leslie DeBusk, Haylee Lindsey, Katie Randolph, John R. Thomas, Nan, Clay Taylor, Brent Guinn, Suzanne Tapp, Victoria Sutton, MaryAlice Torres-MacDonald, Lewis Snell, Jeffery Belnap, Jennifer Hughes

- 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 Dr. Marcus Tanner seconded. Minutes from the previous eLearning Council meeting, held on 11/21/19, were approved.
- III. **New Distance Program Approvals:**
  - a. **Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology-Waco:** Dr. Angela Lumpkin spoke on the Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology-Waco. Ms. Suzanne Tapp made a motion to approve and Dr. Tanner seconded. The proposal will be voted on in the next Academic Council Meeting.
  - b. **Masters of Personal Financial Planning-Dallas (update):** Dr. Louder spoke on the Masters of Personal Financial Planning-Dallas. Ms. Mitzi Ziegner made a motion to approve and Dr. Tanner seconded. The proposal will be voted on in the next Graduate Council Meeting.
- IV. **New Regional Sites: Midland College & Austin College:** Dr. Louder and Dr. Clay Taylor spoke on the New Regional Sites: Midland College & Austin College. eLearning is looking to establish a regional site in Midland, TX to assist Midland college with degree attainment not offered at the University of Texas Permian Basin in Odessa, TX. eLearning would like to offer a Bachelor of Science in Natural Resource Management and a Bachelor of Arts in Technical Communication. eLearning would like to offer three master's programs at a regional site in Austin, TX and create an agreement with reverse transfer options available. The university will not offer any undergraduate programs. The master's programs that will be offered at Austin College include the Master of Arts in Technical Communication, Master of Arts in Strategic Communication and Master of Arts in Public Administration.
- V. **Federal Compliance:** Ms. Haylee Lindsey and Dr. Louder spoke and presented on Federal Compliance. New Federal regulations were just published and will go into effect July of 2020. The State Authorization and Reciprocity Agreement was defined and detailed how to remain compliant with all states regarding distance education and what information must be disclosed to students. eLearning is working with Admissions and the Associate Dean's Office to make sure that the university is compliant for all licensure-based programs, not just online programs. eLearning will also work with the Graduate School for compliance with graduate programs.
- VI. **eLearning Program Grant Update:** Dr. Louder spoke on the eLearning Program Grant Update. Six programs have applied for the grant; Criminology, Civil Engineering, Life Centered Financial Planning, Foundations of Spanish, Teaching a Second Language and

RHIM. The review team did their initial review and submitted their thoughts and comments to Dr. Louder. He then conducted a second review and submitted his thoughts and comments to Dr. Hart. We are waiting on Dr. Hart to make final recommendations on terms of funding. Dr. Louder hopes to announce which programs will receive funding during our next eLearning Council Meeting in February.

- VII. *Transforming the Teaching & Learning Environment:*** Dr. Louder spoke on Transforming the Teaching & Learning Environment. This is a campus wide registration to a conference at Northeastern State University that was purchased by eLearning. This is a Virtual Conference with several sessions over a ten day or so period. Faculty and staff should receive an email from eLearning with information regarding this conference. eLearning provides this as an opportunity for professional development for faculty and staff. Sessions will be live streamed and recorded. If you attend any of the sessions, identify yourself as being a part of TTU so Dr. Louder can evaluate the usage and decide if we will continue to offer this conference in the future. Please pass along this information to faculty and staff as well.
- VIII. *Blackboard Updates:*** Dr. Louder spoke on Blackboard Updates. There is still a concern for staff access to Blackboard classes. Staff members are needing access to blackboard classes without seeing student's information due to FERPA regulations. IT and eLearning are working on a new role called the Facilitator Role that will allow for some modified access. eLearning will ask some people to help pilot this role. Dr. Kathy Austin and Mr. John R. Thomas will update the council on this new role during the next eLC Meeting. Dr. Louder notified the Council on some intermittent issues with ILP, Banner integration into Blackboard, and populating faculty. This issue was not widespread but was noticeable and impacted 30 courses or so. eLearning is still working through the issue to find a solution.
- IX. *Open Discussion:*** There were no items discussed.
- X. *Adjourn:*** Meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.