



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Office of the Provost

Worldwide eLearning™

eLearning Council Meeting

Updated Agenda

January 20, 2022

1:30 – 3:00 pm

via Zoom

Meeting Facilitated by Mr. Otto Ratheal, Executive Director – Regional Sites

Attendees: Otto Ratheal, Pat McConnel, Eloy Guerra, Dennis Arnett, Jody Roginson, Lisa Leach, Jongpil Cheon, Liz Beaty, Mahyar Hadighi, Deborah Fowler, Marcus Tanner, Leslie Debusk, Suzanne Tapp, Stephanie Shine, Celia Merrill, Degeng Wang, Sandra Huston, Jennifer Hughes, Cary Sallee, Kathy Austin, Jenn Burns, Karissa Greathouse, Lewis Snell, Victoria Sutton, Larry Phillippe

- I. Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 1:33pm by Mr. Otto Ratheal.
- II. Approval of minutes from last meeting:** Ms. Suzanne Tapp made a motion to approve, and Ms. Jody Roginson seconded. Minutes from the previous eLearning Council Meeting, held 11/18/21, were approved.
- III. New Distance Program Approvals:**
 - a) Health Professions (Closure)** Dr. Jenn Burns spoke on the closure of the Health Professions Certificate closure. Ms. Tapp made a motion to approve, and Dr. Kathy Austin seconded. The closure was approved.
 - b) Tourism Administration**
 - c) Entrepreneurship in the Services Industry**
 - d) Advanced Entrepreneurship in the Services Industry** Dr. Deborah Fowler spoke on Tourism Administration, Entrepreneurship in the Services Industry, and Advanced Entrepreneurship certificates. Dr. Jennifer Hughes made a motion to approve, and Dr. Larry Phillippe seconded. The certificates were approved and will move on to Academic Council.
 - e) MS Hospitality and Retail Management** Dr. Fowler spoke on the MS Hospitality and Retail Management. Dr. Mahyar Hadighi made a motion to approve, and Ms. Tapp seconded. The program was approved and will move on to Graduate Council.
- IV. Blackboard Updates:** Mr. Eloy Guerra stated that there were no new Blackboard updates at this time.
- V. IT Division Updates:** Dr. Austin reminded the Council of the assessments for Social Learning Platforms, Proctoring Solutions, and others happening this semester. She also informed the group that the University is moving forward with TopHat implementation.
- VI. Open Discussion:** Dr. Liz Beaty asked for an update on the synchronous learning designations that were discussed at a past eLearning Council Meeting. Dr. Austin stated that she has met with the Registrar and they are working on a solution. Mr. Ratheal provided an update about the ground breaking of the new TTU center in Forney. Karissa Greathouse announced that she is retiring and leaving the eLearning Council.
- VII. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 2:01 P.M.

Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/3rriGLP>

Materials Link: <https://bit.ly/3ldE4Lf>