

Minutes - eLearning Council Meeting

Thursday May 18, 2017 | 1:30-3:00 PM

Office of the Provost Conference Room, Admin 104

Attendees: Justin Louder, Melanie Hart, Pat McConnel, Kathy Austin, Heather Greenhalgh-Spencer, Melissa Morrow, Robert Cox, Kari Dickson, Stephanie Borst, Kristi Gilmore, Otto Ratheal, Tom Dolan, Ron Nail, Libby Spradlin (for Jennifer Hughes), Heather Eaton (for Erica Romero), Gary Elbow, Roger Landes, John R. Thomas, Marcus Tanner (for Andrea McCourt), Larry Phillippe, Lewis Snell, Kelly Fox

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m. by Dr. Justin Louder.
- II. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:** Dr. Larry Phillippe made a motion to approve and Dr. Kristi Gilmore seconded. Minutes from the previous eLearning Council meeting, held on 4/20/17, were approved by the committee.
- III. **Blackboard Faculty Support Update:** Dr. Justin Louder spoke to the council about the Blackboard Faculty Support Update. The University will leverage the Blackboard Call Center to all faculty at Texas Tech University. Faculty members teaching a course with Blackboard will have 24 hour access to the call center for support. A handout outlining upcoming Blackboard updates was given.
- IV. **Discussion Items**
 - a. **Strategic Plan for Accessibility Compliance:** Dr. Louder spoke on the Strategic Plan for Accessibility Compliance. Dr. Jackie Luft and Lisa Leach will work on creating a Strategic Plan for Accessibility Compliance. Upon completion, faculty will review and approve.
 - b. **Online Proctoring:** Dr. Louder and Dr. Kathy Austin discussed a new online proctoring pilot. Piloting for this product is expected to begin during the Fall Semester. If the pilot is successful, this product will go to the courses in the most need first.
 - c. **Blackboard Community Overview:** Mr. Ron Nail discussed a new Blackboard Community Engagement Tool and provided a demonstration to the Council.
 - d. **Update on Blackboard Community:** Dr. Austin spoke on the Blackboard Community Update. Blackboard Community will allow internal groups to collaborate in learning communities. Students with like attributes will be able to engage with one another. This will support curricular and co-curricular activity.
 - e. **Update on Banner ILP and Blackboard Integration:** Dr. Austin updated the council on Banner ILP and Blackboard Integration. The update will support all entities within the Texas Tech University system. This will be reported on during the upcoming fall semester.
 - f. **Overview of Elevate Product:** Dr. Austin updated the Council with an overview of the Elevate Product. The product piloting date will be confirmed next week and announced in the upcoming fall semester.
- V. **Registrar Coding:** Dr. Austin and Ms. Heather Eaton spoke to the Council about the proposed new Registrar Coding process. The coding would mainly affect the campus code

for section scheduling for the TTU Regional Sites. Dr. Heather Greenhalgh-Spencer made a motion to approve and Dr. Kristi Gilmore seconded. The proposal will be voted on in the next Academic Council Meeting.

VI. Regional Site Updates: Dr. Kelly Fox discussed updates for the Fredericksburg and Highland Lakes Campuses. Senate and Legislative Ladies visited the campus to highlight their success. A graduation celebration was recently held with 24 graduates. The TTU eLearning Marketing team will be visiting next week to review a plan to market their sites better. Blackboard training for instructors will also be held next week. Five courses will be offered for the Summer Sessions. Dr. Lewis Snell updated the council on TTU's regional site at Waco. The campus had 13 graduates this past academic school year. Waco currently has 29 students enrolled for the upcoming Fall Semester. 30 face-to-face courses with 10 different subject matters will be offered. The new advertising marketing strategy is going well. Physical mailers and digital media have been successful. There will be a June cookout and a new Advisor will join the Hill College Staff in June as well.

VII. Open Discussion: No items discussed

VIII. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.