

Minutes - eLearning Council Meeting

Thursday March 22, 2018 | 1:30 PM-3:00 PM

Office of the Provost Conference Room, Admin 104

Attendees: Justin Louder, Melanie Hart, Kathy Austin, Michael Carter for Pat McConnel, David Doerfert, Heather Eaton, Rachel Mendez Otto Ratheal, Larry Phillippe, Kristina Mitchell, Ron Nail, Karissa Greathouse, Kristi Gilmore, Ian Barba, Andrea McCourt, Gail Alleyne-Bayne, Matthew J. Johnson, Kari Dickson, Jameshia Granberry, Joshua Fairbanks, Lewis Snell, Suzanne Tapp, Sandra Huston, Roger Landes

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Dr. Justin Louder.
- II. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:** Dr. David Doerfert made a motion to approve and Dr. Andrea McCourt seconded. Minutes from the previous eLearning Council meeting, held on 2/15/18 are approved as edited by the committee.
- III. **Program Phase Out:**
 - a. **Masters of Arts in Mathematics (Online):** Dr. Louder spoke on the Masters of Arts in Mathematics (Online) program phase out. Dr. Doerfert made a motion approve and Dr. McCourt seconded. The program phase out will be reviewed at the next Graduate and Academic Council Meeting.
- IV. **EAB/SSC/Strive.ttu.edu:** Dr. Kathy Austin and Dr. Louder spoke on EAB/SSC/Strive.ttu.edu. The IT department has taken over management of the data at the University. The data is updating based on what the advisors wanted. A comprehensive evaluation will be conducted by the advisors of the vendor product. The advisors will be focused on functionality of the system and overall evaluation of the service. This will be an anonymous survey so that there is safety in providing an honest and accurate evaluation.
- V. **Proctoring Pilot Update:** Dr. Austin and Dr. Louder discussed the Proctoring Pilot Update. Proctorio is an effective tool that tracks and records information. Proctorio is expected to rollout later this Spring Semester. TTU K-12 will begin using this service this upcoming Summer Semester provided the finalization of the contract.
- VI. **Blackboard Ally:** Dr. Austin and Dr. Louder spoke on Blackboard Ally. Blackboard Ally is an accessibility product that will check files in Blackboard for accessible content, flag files that are not accessible, make files into accessible Word PDF's and make content accessible automatically. Blackboard and the University are working on the best way to rollout this product. A pilot will be conducted with our courses in a test environment with the hope of rolling it out to the entire Learn production environment afterwards.
- VII. **TA Permissions & Blackboard Roles:** Dr. Austin and Dr. Louder discussed TA Permissions & Blackboard Roles. The issue has been elevated to Ellucian and the SACS CEO. The ability for Faculty to add teacher assistants to their Blackboard courses has been temporarily removed due to some privacy issues. The University is continuously working on a suitable long term solution for this issue.

- VIII. *Elevate for Non-Credit Classes:*** Dr. Austin discussed Elevate for Non-Credit Classes. Elevate is considered to be most useful when used in professional development opportunities. If you or anyone in your department would be interested in piloting this software, please contact Dr. Austin.
- IX. *Regional Site Updates:*** Dr. Lewis Snell discussed updates for the Waco Campus. They recently hosted a Transfer Fair that went well. The Campus is now looking forward to celebrating two Graduation Ceremonies, one in Cleburne and one in Waco this upcoming May. Dr. Melanie Hart discussed updates for the Collin Campus. Collin College and Texas Tech University will be in partnership with Rockwell ISD and the soon to be completed Career and College Academy in Rockwell, Texas. Dr. Hart spoke on a new possible partnership with Austin College. The University is in discussion with Austin College in the hopes of creating pathways with the Graduate School. The idea is to have students who complete Austin College to then enter into a Graduate or Certification Program at Texas Tech University. Texas Tech would like to offer Online Graduate and Certificate Programs at the Austin College and the Graduate level. If it looks promising the University may look into developing a site in Austin, Texas. Dr. Clay Taylor is helping to create these pathways and accelerated type programs. If you are interested, please let Dr. Hart and Dr. Louder know.
- X. *Adjourn:*** Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.