



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Office of the Provost

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eLearning Council Meeting

Updated Agenda

October 21, 2021

1:30 – 3:00 pm

via Zoom

Attendees: Justin Louder, Mayukh Dass, Mitzi Ziegner, Cary Sallee, Steve Holmes, Jameshia Granberry, Carlos Carpio, Karissa Greathouse, Jody Roginson, Sandra Huston, Lisa Leach, Liz Beaty, Marcus Tanner, Melanie Hart, Pat McConnel, Michael Faris, Stephanie Shine, Kathy Austin, Leslie DeBusk, John Thomas, Degeng Wang, Clay Taylor, Katie Randolph, Dennis Arnett,

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 1:31pm by Dr. Justin Louder
- I. **Approval of minutes from last meeting:** Dr. Marcus Tanner made a motion to approve, and Ms. Mitzi Ziegner seconded. Minutes from the previous eLearning Council meeting, held 9/116/21, were approved.
- II. **New Distance Program Approvals:**
 - a. **UX Certificate** Dr. Steve Holmes spoke on the User Experience Design Certificate. Ms. Jody Roginson made a motion to approve, and Dr. Kathy Austin seconded. The proposal will be voted on in the next Academic Council Meeting.
 - b. **Graduate Certificate in Agribusiness** Dr. Carlos Carpio spoke on the Graduate Certificate in Agribusiness. Dr. Tanner made a motion to approve, Ms. Liz Beaty seconded. The proposal will be voted on in the next Graduate Council meeting.
 - c. **Graduate Certificate in Linguistics** Dr. Michael Faris spoke on the Graduate Certificate in Linguistics. Ms. Ziegner made a motion to approve, Dr. Tanner seconded. The proposal will be voted on in the next Graduate Council meeting.
 - d. **MOU between TTUHSC-EI Paso and RCOBA** Dr. Mayukh Dass spoke on the MOU between TTUHSC-EI Paso and RCOBA. Dr. Tanner made a motion to approve, and Dr. Austin seconded. This has already been approved by Graduate Council so it will now go to Academic Council.
- III. **TTU Collin Updates:** Dr. Louder, Ms. Jameshia Granberry, and Dr. Melanie Hart spoke on the updates at TTU Collin campus. Collin College has done some reorganizing and they are transitioning the building that TTU used for offices and classrooms to administrative offices. TTU was notified that they would not be given any additional office or classroom space. Internal discussions concluded that the best option would be to close Collin and move everything to TTU Rockwall. The staff were already spending half their time at Rockwall and half at Collin and both campuses already had the same programs available. Students have been notified of the change. Those who want to change to the Rockwall campus, rather than going 100% online, will be given a small orientation to introduce them to staff and the campus. To close a TTU campus, the proposal needs to go through the various TTU committees, starting with eLearning Council, moving to Academic Council, then TTU can notify SACs that the campus will close. The process will likely take place through the end of Spring 2022. Dr. Melanie Hart gave a little bit of history of TTU Collin and the difficulties faced since opening the campus. Dr. Tanner made a motion to close the TTU Collin campus, and Ms. Roginson seconded. The proposal will now move to Academic Council.
- IV. **Designation of Distance Learning Classes Discussion:** Ms. Liz Beaty spoke on the Designation of Distance Learning Classes. There are concerns about the coding of synchronous and asynchronous classes. The way they are differentiated in the system

are synchronous classes show a date and time and asynchronous do not. This is confusing both to students, instructors, and course builders. Ms. Beaty stated that this is a concern for her and asked if there was a way to change the coding or make it clearer. Dr. Austin recommended that the council have a discussion with the registrar, Bobbie Brown. Dr. Louder suggested that he, Dr. Austin, and Dr. Hart meet with the Registrar to discuss these issues. He then asked the Council members to bring questions and concerns from their Colleges to the November eLearning Council meeting to discuss with the Registrar.

- V. **Blackboard Updates:** Dr. Austin informed the group that John Thomas is leaving TTU to finish his credit hours for his counseling degree. The only other update is that training is being compiled to assist faculty in integrating TopHat into their courses.
- VI. **Open Discussion:** There were no items discussed.
- VII. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 2:19 P.M.

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