



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Office of the Provost

Worldwide eLearning™

eLearning Council Meeting

Agenda

April 21, 2022

1:30 – 3:00 pm

via Zoom

Attendees: Justin Louder, David Doerfert, Deborah Fowler, Katie Randolph, Teresa Diaz, Stephanie Shine, Michael Carr, Lisa Leach, Eloy Guerra, Leslie DeBusk, Kurt Caswell, Heather Greenhalgh-Spencer, Suzanne Tapp, Dennis Arnett, Larry Phillippe, Cary Sallee, Carlos Carpio, Liz Beaty, Jongpil Cheon, Brenda Martinez, Kathy Austin, Sandra Huston, Clay Taylor, Marcus Tanner, Victoria Sutton, William Bukowski, Degeng Wang, Melanie Hart

- I. **Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 1:30 P.M. by Dr. Justin Louder
 - a) **Approval of minutes from last meeting:** Dr. Heather Greenhalgh-Spencer noticed that she was not on the list of attendees but attended the meeting. Minutes will be updated. Dr. Marcus Tanner made a motion to approve, and Dr. Kathy Austin seconded. Minutes from the previous meeting, held 2/17/22, were approved with revisions.
- II. **March eLC Electronic Voting:** Dr. Louder spoke on the electronic voting for March. Both programs were approved virtually with Dr. Austin making the motion to approve, and Ms. Liz Beaty seconding.
- III. **New Distance Program Approvals:**
 - a) **Wine Business Undergraduate Certificate:** Dr. Deborah Fowler spoke on the Wine Business Undergraduate Certificate. Dr. Tanner made a motion to approve, and Ms. Suzanne Tapp seconded. The program was approved and moves to the May Academic Council meeting.
 - b) **Accelerated Program in Ag Communications:** Dr. David Doerfert spoke on the Accelerated Program in Ag Communications. Ms. Tapp made a motion to approve, and Dr. Tanner seconded. The program was approved and moves to Graduate Council.
 - c) **Doctor in Agricultural Education:** Dr. Doerfert spoke on the Doctor in Agricultural Education program. The program was not ready for a vote so Dr. Louder will send it out to vote on electronically when it is ready.
 - d) **Applied Personal Finance:** Dr. Sandra Huston spoke on the Applied Personal Finance Program. Dr. Larry Phillippe made a motion to approve, and Dr. Greenlagh-Spencer seconded. The program was approved and moves to academic council.
- IV. **Registration Updates:** Ms. Brenda Martinez spoke on Registration Updates. The Registrar's office is seeing system bottlenecks and issues occurring the first day of the large population registrations. Starting November 2022 there will be a new time structure for registration. Ms. Martinez presented a document with the proposed changes and told the council that their office welcomed feedback before the changes were finalized. They will be sending out a survey and the responses will be reviewed at Academic Council where the changes will be voted on.
- V. **Professional Licensure Changes:** Dr. Louder spoke on the professional licensure changes. In December the US Department of Education announced they would be doing negotiated rulemaking with a number of items. Two items of note to the group were professional licensure and reciprocity. They did not get consensus so they are moving back to the Department of Education to write the regulations. Texas Tech currently has a

website stating that our professional licensures meet the requirements of the state of Texas, but it is up to the student to determine if it meets the requirements in other states. The US Department of Education is proposing that this option not be available and, instead, the university would have to be able to tell any student whether or not they can be licensed in any state they ask about. This will not be voted on in the Department of Education until sometime this summer.

- VI. **NC-SARA Updates:** Dr. Louder spoke on NC-SARA updates. The negotiating rulemaking also brought up the idea around reciprocity. In the past, TTU had a map with red and black states showing where they could offer distance classes or not. During this time, the university would have to pay individual state fees in order to offer courses in those states, costing upwards of \$1 million/year. Currently, with NC SARA the university pays \$5000/year to offer courses country-wide. The Department of Education is proposing to void NC-SARA and go back to individual institutions paying for the states they want to offer courses in. Dr. Louder will keep the committee updated as information comes available.
- VII. **eLearning Summer Course Intensive:** Ms. Leslie Debusk, Dr. Lisa Leach, and Mr. Bill Bukowski spoke on the new eLearning Summer Course Intensive. eLearning has started the transitioning of their grant program to an online course design program. The program will begin with a two week, twenty hour intensive academy July 11-22. Each participant will receive a \$2500 stipend, half received up front, half after completion of the course.
- VIII. **Blackboard Updates:** Mr. Eloy Guerra provided Blackboard updates. The university had been preparing to transition to Ultra based navigation withing Blackboard but has decided there will not be any changes at this time.
- IX. **IT Division Updates:** Dr. Austin spoke on IT Division Updates. Assessments are still ongoing. Proctorio is moving forward. Procurement Services has decided to allow IT to conduct their own vendor assessments up to \$100,000/year.
- X. **Open Discussion:** There were no items discussed.
- XI. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 2:44 P.M.

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