



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Office of the Provost

# Worldwide eLearning™

## *eLearning Council Meeting*

### *Minutes*

**October 17, 2022**

**1:30 – 3:00 pm**

**via Zoom**

**Attendees:** Clay Taylor, Brian Still, Candess Keane, Kasey Anthony, Haylee Doss, Arlene Garcia, Alex Garcia, Brian Still, Bryan Giemza, Carlos Carpio, Celia Merrill, Dennis Patterson, Dino Villegas, Elissa Zellinger, Holley Baker, Eloy Guerra, Jameshia Granberry, Jennifer Hughes, Jody Roginson, Jonpil Cheon, Larry Phillippe, Leslie DeBusk, Katie Randolph, Lewis Snell, Liz Beaty, Michael McCarty, Otto Ratheal, Pat McConnel, Sahu Pradip, Sarah Schwintz, Susan Mengel, Teresa Diaz, Michael Ballou, Mahyar Hadighi, Sarai Brinker, Vickie Sutton

- 1) **Call to order:** Dr. Clay Taylor called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.
- 2) **Approval of minutes from last meeting:** Dr. Jennifer Hughes made a motion to approve, and Dr. Sarah Schwintz. The minutes were approved by the council.
- 3) **Membership Review:** Dr. Taylor provided a high-level overview of the eLearning Council, voting members, ex-officio members, and showed the updated eLearning website for the eLearning Council.
- 4) **New Distance Program Approvals**
  - a) *Spanish for Specific Purposes in Ag* – new Graduate Certificate- Dr. Arlene Garcia spoke on Spanish for Specific Purposes in Ag. Ms. Jody Roginson made a motion to approve the program, and Dr. Dino Villegas seconded. The program was approved.
  - b) *MS in Animal Health & Industry* (hybrid degree) – Dr. Michael Ballou spoke on the MS in Animal Health & Industry. Dr. Mahyar Hadighi made a motion to approve, Dr. Larry Phillippe seconded. The program was approved
- 5) **Program Deletions / Phase Out**
  - a) Communication for Center Directors at Institutions of Higher Education (Graduate Certificate phase out)- Dr. Taylor spoke on the program deletion. Dr. Carlos Carpio made a motion to approve and Dr. Hadighi seconded. The deletion was approved.
- 6) **eLearning Division Updates:** Dr. Brian Still spoke on the eLearning division updates. Feedback Fruits has not had widespread use across campus. TTU let the vendor know that the contract will not be renewed, and the vendor decided to shut down the service for face-to-face courses immediately. eLearning has hired three more instructional designers. The goal is to eventually have dedicated instructional designers for each College. The provost has approved a new working group of primarily faculty to look at new technologies and pedagogy. TTU is moving forward with opening a new regional site in DFW. Several Colleges have already committed to creating hybrid programs for the new site. Could be teaching courses as early as Fall 2023. eLearning has hired a Director of Micro-credentialing. Starting micro-credential and short courses, as well as self-paced courses. TTU students will not be eligible for self-paced courses, these are for students who need a course here and there at other institutions or outside of a degree. If someone is interested in offering a self-paced course, contact Dr. Taylor.

- 7) **Regional Site Updates:** Celia- gave an overview of the population of students they serve.
- 8) **Blackboard Website:** Ms. Leslie DeBusk gave an overview of updates to the TTU Blackboard website.
- 9) **Blackboard Updates:** Ms. DeBusk noted that spring courses will be live November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Eloy Guerra gave some Blackboard and IT updates. They have identified some issues in the Blackboard approval flows so they should be updated in the next 24 hours. As for proctoring RFPs, they are reviewing vendor proposals and will update the counsel as the process progresses. Finally, they are working with the new vendor for computer-based training solutions and how it can be integrated into Blackboard.

**10) Open Discussion/Announcements-** There were none.

**11) Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 P.M.

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