



Online Learning Council Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2023

1:30-3:00 pm via Microsoft Teams

Attendees: Kasey Anthony, Kathy Austin, Holley Baker, Liz Beaty, Sarai Brinker, Deanna Calder, Carlos Carpio, Todd Chambers, Jongpil Cheong, Christiana Christofides, Bonnie Cordell, Sabrina Davis, Leslie DeBusk, Teresa Diaz, Amy Dye-Reeves, Alex Garcia, Eileen Gianiodis, Brian Giemza, Heather Greenhalgh-Spencer, Mahyar Hadighi, April Hollingsworth, Jennifer Hughes, Danny Kirkpatrick, Terry Knight, Micheal McCarty, Celia Merrill, Dennis Patterson, Otto Ratheal, Jody Roginson, Sahu Pradip, Sarah Schwintz, Jill Stangl, Vickie Sutton, Suzanne Tapp, Clay Taylor, Jessica Thomas, Dino Villegas, Elissa Zellinger

- 1.) **Call to Order:** Dr. Clay Taylor called the meeting to order at 1:31PM.
- 2.) **Welcome and Overview:** Dr. Taylor gave the council an overview of the rebrand from TTU eLearning to TTU Online, which impacts the council's name. He also informed the council of the new meeting structure, that includes voting on new programs, then TTU Online Directors will give updates. As well as the new meeting structure, there are also new members of the council, as well as changes to the voting members. He then introduced the new voting members.
- 3.) **Approval of minutes from last meeting and eVotes**
 - a.) April minutes
 - b.) May eVote
 - c.) June eVote

Dr. Carlos Carpio made a motion to approve, and Dr. Heather Greenhalgh-Spencer seconded. The minutes were approved by the council.

4.) **New Distance Program Approvals / Program Changes**

- a) Energy Business Grad. Concentration (curricular change) Dr. Taylor, with the help of Dr. Dino Villegas, spoke about the course change. Ms. Liz Beaty made a motion to approve, and Ms. Jody Roginson seconded. The change was approved and moves to Graduate Council Subcommittee.
 - b) B.S. in Event Management (new degree)
 - c) BAAS in Event Management (new degree)
- Dr. Deborah Fowler spoke on both Event Management Programs. After much debate,



- Dr. Sarah Schwintz made a motion to table the BAAS until more discussion can be had and Ms. Sabrina Davis seconded.
- Ms. Suzanne Tapp made a motion to approve the BS, and Dr. Carpio seconded. The BS will move to Academic Council.
- d) B.A. Anthropology (modality change)
No one was in attendance to speak to the change so it was tabled until the September meeting.
- e) B.S. in Sport Management (modality change)
Dr. Angela Lumpkin spoke on Sport Management. Dr. Villegas made a motion to approve, and Dr. Sarah Schwintz seconded. The council approved and the program moves to Academic Council.
- f) B.S. in Kinesiology (modality change)
Dr. Lumpkin also spoke on Kinesiology. Dr. Greenhalgh-Spencer made a motion to approve, and Ms. Tapp seconded. The council approved and the program moves to Academic Council.
- g) B.A. in Psychology (modality change)
Dr. Will Crescioni presented on the Psychology program. Ms. Roginson made a motion to approve, and Dr. Villegas seconded. The council approved and the program will move to Academic Council.
- h) FCSE Specialized Teaching Certifications (UG Concentrations)
a. HDFS, Grades 8-12
b. HNFS (Nutrition), Grades 8-12
c. HNFS (RHIM), Grades 8-12
Dr. Ashlee Brown spoke about the specialized teaching certifications. Ms. Jill Stangl made a motion to approve, and Dr. Carpio seconded. These will move to Academic Council.

5.) TTU Online Director Updates

- Dr. Taylor let the council know that Dr. Sandra Huston is the new Assistant Vice Provost in TTU Online. She will be working with faculty to develop new programs and instructional design, blackboard support, and accessibility will report to her.
- a.) Instructional Design
Dr. Danny Kirkpatrick gave an overview of the types of services the instructional design team offers to instructors.
- b.) Blackboard Faculty Support
Ms. Leslie DeBusk gave an overview of some of the things she and her team offer to TTU faculty. She then let the council know that the university is switching to Ultra Based Navigation (UBN), and she will be offering trainings over the next semester to teach instructors how to use it. She then gave a short presentation on how to use UBN. Leslie also let the council know that the university is starting an evaluation of the learning management system this fall.
- c.) Micro-credentials
Ms. Bonnie Cordell gave the micro-credentials updates. She spoke about the upcoming



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industrial certificates that will be offered. They will be non-credit enhancements to TTU degrees. This program will launch on September 13th.

a. Marble Falls Regional Site

Dr. Celia Merrill gave an overview of the Leadership Certificate that is in its second year at the Highland Lakes site.

6.) Open Discussion / Announcements

There were no discussion items.

7.) Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:07 PM.