

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Texas Tech University

Meeting of
May 19, 2010

MINUTES

Present: Ralph Ferguson for Wendell Aycock, Cathy Duran, Gary Elbow, Amy Murphy for Greg Elkins, Dennis Harp, Bob Henry, Sheila Hoover, Norm Hopper, Lynn Huffman, Patrick Hughes, Jorge Iber, Mickey Martin for Peggy Johnson, Sue Jones, Michelle Kiser, Bobbie Latham, Debra Laverie, Sheila Gray for Ethan Logan, Hossein Mansouri, Pat McConnel, Juan Munoz, Walt Oler, Valerie Paton, David Roach, Herschel Mann for Brian Shannon, Gary Smith, Brian Steele, Rob Stewart (chair), Kevin Stoker, Janessa Walls, Vicki West

Guests Present: Sofia Rodriguez

Rodriguez presented a change to OP 34.21 Enrollment at Institutions other than Texas Tech during Disciplinary Suspension. The change includes removing the word transfer. *“Likewise, academic courses taken at any higher education institution during the time-limited disciplinary suspension period may or may not be accepted as **transfer** academic credit for specific degree programs, depending upon each academic college.”* Please email any suggestions or concerns to DaNay Phelps.

Rodriguez requested that faculty and staff use the “Incident Report Form” on the Student Judicial Programs website whenever a disciplinary action needs to be reported. This form is for faculty, staff, students, and visitors to the university who have encountered an incident inside or outside the classroom that needs to be reported as a possible violation of the Texas Tech Code of Student Conduct. Those being accused or any other parties directly involved in the incident can read this form online. Anyone with questions regarding submission of the online form should call the Student Judicial Programs office. All supporting documents can be sent to Student Judicial Programs, MS 5029.

The Academic Council reviewed the minutes from March 9, 2010. Hopper moved to accept the minutes as presented, Roach seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Roach presented a request from the College of Arts and Sciences to reinstatement ANTH 3323 Religion and Culture as a course effective Fall 2010. The course was removed from the course inventory last February. Elbow noted that the department must re-apply to the Core Curriculum Committee before the course can be reinstated to the Core. Huffman moved the course be reinstated to the inventory, Jones seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Elbow presented a recommendation from the Core Curriculum Committee to add ANTH 2306 Anthropology at the Movies to the Humanities Core effective Fall 2011. Huffman moved the course be accepted, Latham seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Jones presented the course approval summary and noted that the hours for items #25 and #26 should be changed from V1-2 to V1-12. Hopper moved the courses be accepted as corrected, Henry seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Jones displayed a copy of the new 2010-2011 catalog and advised council members that the campus-wide distribution had begun and would continue for several days.

Elbow and Murphy informed council members that the Student Handbook is being updated to more accurately reflect the university's policy on absences as stated in OP 34.04 and in the catalog. Elbow suggested that the policy statement should somehow be made more visible in the next university catalog, and Munoz recommended emphasizing the policy during Red Raider Orientation and IS 1100 classes. Huffman suggested that each college designate two staff members to be responsible for dealing with issues involving student absences.

The council members had a lengthy discussion regarding backdating withdrawals. Iber noted that backdating primarily takes place in the College of Arts and Sciences as a result of withdrawal due to medical or unforeseen family circumstances. Council members from other colleges reported considering additional reasons for backdating on a case-by-case basis. No action was taken on a uniform policy.

Elbow and Stewart asked council members for feedback concerning their impressions of the May commencement exercises. After a discussion of what improvements were effective and what issues should be addressed in the future, Elbow asked council members to email him with any additional suggestions or concerns.