

# ACADEMIC COUNCIL

## Texas Tech University

Meeting of  
**June 15, 2010**

### MINUTES

**Present:** Wendell Aycock, Calvin Lewis for Wesley Cochran, Susan Harkey for Cathy Duran, Greg Elkins, Bob Henry, Sheila Hoover, Ramona Johnson for Norm Hopper, Lynn Huffman, Patrick Hughes, Peggy Johnson, Sue Jones, Michelle Kiser, Bobbie Latham, Ethan Logan, Hossein Mansouri, Pat McConnel, Juan Munoz, John Kobza for Walt Oler, Valerie Paton, DaNay Phelps, Marjean Purinton, David Roach, Herschel Mann for Brian Shannon, Clifton Ellis, Brian Steele, Rob Stewart (chair), Kenton Wilkinson for Kevin Stoker, Janessa Walls, Tess Barlow for Vicki West

The Academic Council reviewed the minutes from May 19, 2010. Purinton moved to accept the minutes as presented, Aycock seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Stewart updated the council on course overrides and asked council members to advise their staffs not to override students into classes offered by another college.

Henry advised council members that Texas State University gives parental passwords to parents to allow them to check their child's grades and information online. He questioned whether this might be feasible at Texas Tech. Latham noted that the University of Texas has a similar program but students must grant online access to their parents. Latham said she would contact the universities for information.

Stewart noted the recent problem of errors appearing on diplomas and asked council members to confirm that all procedures are in place within each college to catch errors. He also invited council members to make suggestions for improvement in avoiding errors. Huffman asked for the date of graduation to be repopulated in COGNOS.

Stewart said he has met with Jim Burkhalter, Greg Elkins, Ethan Logan, and Juan Munoz to review the "Noel-Levitz Retention/Advising Opportunities Analysis." Although Texas Tech is already doing some of the practices recognized nationwide as best practices in the area of advising/retention, the Noel-Levitz analysis recommends that the university create a central office responsible for the administrative functions of advising on campus. This office would work collaboratively with the associate deans and advisors in each college. To consider options in implementing this recommendation, the university will form an advising/retention committee. Stewart invited council members to contact him if they would like to serve on the new committee.

Jones presented the June course approval summary. Aycock moved the course be accepted as presented, Huffman seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

#### **Other Business**

- Stewart thanked the council for being so helpful with ASU and HSC information that they provided.
- Paton updated council members on her efforts to work with Christy Blakney in drafting a new operating policy regarding executive degree programs.

- Nicci Price is creating an Associate Deans and Academic Council global list on Outlook.
- The College of Education is beginning the search for a new dean.
- Lawrence Schovanec is the new Dean of Arts and Sciences.
- Susan Fortney is the new Interim Dean of the School of Law.
- Marjean Purinton is the new Acting Dean of the Honors College.
- The College of Engineering is in negotiations regarding selection of a new dean.
- Greg Elkins reported that his office is expecting 4,900 to 5,200 freshmen in the fall.