

**ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY DALLAS
ACADEMIC COUNCIL**

December 15, 2020

3pm CST

Location/URL

<https://blogs.acu.edu/cgpsacademiccouncil/>

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the ACU Dallas Academic Council was called to order 3pm, on December 15, 2020, on Zoom video conference, by Joseph Halbert, Chair.

OPENING CEREMONIES

The invocation was given by Joey Halbert.

ROLL CALL

Members in attendance: Joey Halbert (Chair), Andrea Haugen, Brian Cole, Linda Gibson, Scott Self, Joe Feliciano, Sara Salkil, Phil Vardiman, Dena Counts, Tiffany Dahlman, Kathy Carroll, Meghan Hope, Kipi Fleming, Jason Morris, Chai Green, Mark Phillips, Ben Ries

Members absent: Joey Cope (excused), Brenda McAdoo

Guests present: Aubree Browning, Lori Anne Shaw, Mark McCallon, Chris Riley

QUORUM

A quorum was present.

INFORMATION

MINUTES

The minutes from November 17, 2020 were approved as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

1. EdS Program Changes

Dr. Brian Cole explained the EdS program will now be marketed as a stand alone program. Originally it was created to provide an opportunity for those who do not wish to complete the EdD to still leave the program with a degree. In order to be a stand alone, changes to the program were presented.

Discussion:

Dr. Scott Self asked about the transition from EdS to EdD. Dr. Scott Self: At this point, we do not have a path to move students to the EdD. However, that could be a conversation in the future.

Ben Ries joined the meeting at 3:15.

Dr. Chris Riley: How do you feel like the new offering will affect staffing? Dr. Scott Self: Joey Cope and I met with Jessica Smith about this. My understanding is that we are going to recruit for this program. I don't believe we will have a huge influx of growth, more of a slow gradual growth. We will add sections as needed.

Dr. Jason Morris: You mention EdS being offered a stand alone. Can you elaborate on the type of professional who would be interested? Dr. Scott Self: From our understanding, the EdS would be most attractive to K-12 educators looking to advance their career.

Dr. Kipi Fleming: 15 hours of concentration the same as EdD? Dr. Scott Self: Yes

Dr. Scott Self moved to approve changes to the EdS program. The motion carried with 16 yes and 0 no votes. Chair abstained. (Dr. Kipi Fleming seconded)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting

Next meeting will occur on 19 January, 2021 3pm Central. Submissions for business items on the meeting have a deadline of 12 January, 12 pm Central.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the chair at 3:23 pm CST.

APPROVAL

Minutes approved this 19th day of JANUARY 2021.

Joseph Halbert, Chair