

ACU Graduate Council
May 3, 2022
11:00 p.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Present: W. Carroll K. Witemeyer, T. Sensing, M. Long, D. Walls, A. Huddleston, L. Merchant, J. Cardot, D. Barnett, M. Scott

Absent: T. Womble, L. Lemley, S. Jones, J. Neill, C. Flanagan

Ex-officios: (J. Wiser, M. Straughn, J. Shewmaker, G. Straughn, B. Crisp, K. Cukrowski – not in attendance)

Guests: None.

The meeting began at 11:32 a.m.

- Prayer by W. Carroll
- Approval of the minutes from 4/12/22

Motion to approve the minutes by M. Scott; seconded by M. Long; all in favor. Motion passes.

Action Item:

I. BMFT 690 – New Course – EMDR Training

L. Merchant – This is an optional course for student who desire this additional EMDR training. The students began requesting this training a few years ago. We were able to offer it with a grant this past year. This training deals with processing emotional stress via eye-movement instead of talk therapy. Our community is seeking this type of therapy, so there is a strong market for the training with our students. We have similar courses at the undergraduate level for prep courses for professional exams like LSAT and MCAT and they contain a significant course fee to cover the training. Having the course fee allows them to use financial aid and scholarship money to cover the cost of the training. A. Huddleston – It looks like they receive a certificate. Is there a test or just the training? L. Merchant – They sit through the 40 hours of training plus 5 hours of practice plus a consultation to ensure they have mastered the techniques.

Motion to approve by J. Cardot; seconded by D. Barnett; all in favor. Motion passes.

GST Certificate in Ministerial Training – Spanish - Preview

W. Carroll – We hope to add this to the catalog next year. The curriculum for this certificate will be taught exclusively in Spanish. Due to some delays in the Provost Office, we were not ready to bring this before the council, but it is designed and ready in terms of curriculum. T. Sensing – We've been accepting bachelor's students from international areas where Spanish is the native language. There is a population of students who do not have English as a second language, however, that we would like to reach. We might at some point move toward a master's degree offered in Spanish. We have faculty in place to oversee the program. However, we need to get infrastructure in place to support these students in areas like the library, advising, registrar, etc. It might take several years to get this in place across campus. This is a SACs requirement. We have a few patches in place to address this in the immediate future. We've been translating forms and applications into Spanish and have a centralized phone number set up for students to call for assistance. Everyone is excited about the prospect for this. The infrastructure is the only concern. W. Carroll – I hope to have the documentation ready for council later this week. T. Sensing – This will be an 18-hour certificate. We have several faculty members who will be available to teach in Spanish. We are still looking for a couple adjunct as well.

Meeting ended at 11:51 p.m.