

ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY - DALLAS BRANCH CAMPUS
CGPS ACADEMIC COUNCIL

April 19, 2021

3 pm CST

Meeting via Zoom Video Teleconference

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CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the ACU Dallas Academic Council was called to order at 3 pm, on April 19, 2021, on Zoom video conference, by Joseph Halbert, Chair.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Joey Halbert gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Members in attendance: Joseph Halbert (Chair), Dena Counts, Chai Weston Green, Kipi Fleming, Linda Gibson, Tiffany Dahlman, J. Scott Self, Brian Cole, Kathy Carroll, Meghan Hope, Brenda McAdoo, Beckie Weaver, Mark Phillips, Joe Feliciano, Ben Ries

Members absent: Jason Morris (excused)

Guests present: Lori Anne Shaw, Joey Cope, Mark McCallon, Nannette Glenn, Eric Gumm, Karen Witemeyer, Jessica Smith, Chris Riley

QUORUM

A quorum was present.

INFORMATION

Dr. Linda Gibson (DNP program) explained that new language would be utilized in the program - "DNP Project Team" would be utilized instead of "committee" language, and the "DNP Project Team" would include a chair and a member as opposed to three on a committee. Dr. Gibson explained this change in light of the DNP being a "practice doctorate".

Dr. Cope further explained that Dr. Gibson has monitored this development and best practice for some time and thanked Dr. Gibson for her work on the matter.

MINUTES

The minutes from March 2021 were approved as published on the blog.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Health Administration

Chair brought up the **MHA Program Revision, HCAD 604, HCAD 624, HCAD 644, HCAD 681, and HCAD 687**; and recognized Dr. Meghan Hope to explain the items. Dr. Hope explained the purpose of the revisions was to better align program outcomes with curriculum and to simplify the tracks.

Karen Witemeyer asked whether the changes were intended to apply across all tracks. Dr. Hope affirmed.

Dr. Cope explained that Dr. Hope, Dean Crisp (COBA), and Associate Dean Little (COBA) worked together to ensure that course titles and content would not adversely affect AACSB secondary accreditation or present other COBA-related issues. Dr. Cope thanked all stakeholders for their collaborative work.

Dr. Ries moved to approve the following items: the MHA Program Revision, HCAD 604, HCAD 624, HCAD 644, HCAD 681, and HCAD 687. The motion carried 14-0-1 and the items were approved.

2. Graduate Certificate in Precision Medicine Administration

The chair brought up the application for the new **Graduate Certificate in Precision Medicine Administration** and recognized Dr. Hope to explain the application. Dr. Hope provided a brief explanation of precision medicine and the courses included in the proposed graduate certificate. She explained it was an opportunity to merge science and operations.

Dr. Cope explained that ACU would also likely seek SACS approval for additional related programs.

Dr. Smith observed that the version of the application of the Council blog was different than the final version. The chair asked for clarification on the differences so members were clear on what they were voting for. The chair suggested temporarily tabling the measure so the differences could be explained.

Dr. Cole moved to table the application. The motion to table was approved.

3. Christian Service & Formation

Chair brought up the Christian Service & Formation program revision and recognized Dr. Ben Ries to explain the measure. Dr. Ries explained that the revision made adjustments to better align the program as implemented with the initial vision of the program.

Program Director Green asked about the changes to the hours in the program and the interaction of the hours with University Requirements. The chair and Karen Witemeyer explained that certain courses could be required for the major but count towards University

Requirements. Program Director Green asked whether students could inadvertently miss certain requirements by substituting courses. Dr. Smith clarified that students could meet University Requirement in various ways and so the situation PD Green was concerned about would not happen. Dr. Ries observed that these questions related to University Requirements and Major requirements were edifying.

Dr. Feliciano moved to approve the Christian Service & Formation program revision. The motion carried 14-0-1 and the revision was approved.

2. Graduate Certificate in Precision Medicine Administration

Dr. Counts moved to take from the table the Graduate Certificate in Precision Medicine Administration. The motion carried. The chair recognized Dr. Hope to explain the application.

Dr. Hope explained the primary difference between the initial application and the newest version was that the new version removed a course about reimbursements and included HCAD 624 instead. Dr. Hope shared the revised application via screen sharing technology.

Dr. Cope said there were also minor changes to mission language in the application and format changes. He explained that stakeholders worked throughout the week on the revised application.

Dr. Carroll moved to approve the revised version of the application for the Graduate Certificate in Precision Medicine Administration as explained and shown in the meeting. The motion carried 14-0-1 and the application was approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will take place on Monday, 17 May, 2021, 3 pm ACU time. The chair clarified that items will be due the Tuesday prior to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The chair adjourned the meeting at 3:31 pm CST.

APPROVAL

Minutes approved this 17th day of May, 2021.

Joseph Halbert, Chair