

**ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY DALLAS
ACADEMIC COUNCIL**

February 20, 2023

3pm CST

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CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the ACU Dallas Academic Council was called to order at 3:00pm, on February 20, 2023 on Zoom video conference, by Dena Counts

OPENING CEREMONIES

The invocation was given by Alicia Ramirez.

ROLL CALL

Members in attendance: Kathy Carroll, Brian Cole, Dena Counts, Joe Feliciano, Linda Gibson, Nannette Glenn, Meghan Hope, Nancy Kucinski, Karen Maxwell, Alicia Ramirez, Stephanie Wanamaker, Jon Wiener, Brandy Chalmers, Tiffany Dahlman, Kipi Fleming, Brenda McAdoo, Alline Sada, Sara Salkill, Jackie Bluitt

Members absent: Scott Self.

Guests present: Alison Pirtle, Eric Gumm, Jessica Smith, Karen Witemeyer, Mark McCallon, Sheila Jones

QUORUM

A quorum was present.

MINUTES

The minutes from December 12, 2022 were approved as presented.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

MFTO is making a description change to their MFTO 601 Pre-Internship course.

Informational items are approved by consent and voting is not required by the council on these items.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The chair invited Nancy Kucinski to give the highlights on the requested prerequisite change for FINO 310.

Discussion: None

Brenda McAdoo moved to approve and Sheila Jones seconded the prerequisite change for FINO 31. The motion carried with 18 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

2. The chair invited Kipi Fleming to give the highlights on the requested change to the MA in Conflict Management and Resolution.

Discussion: Nancy Kuckinski asked what do the current students in the General Track take if no practicum? Kipi clarified students have an extra elective to choose from. Eric Gumm clarified that the General Track is often the default track when students enroll if they don't declare a track. Dr. Fleming said the new default might be the "Practitioner's Track". Meghan Hope asked about forced breaks and the course carousel. Kipi clarified that the course carousel will be changed minimally and students will not be affected by the changes.

Karen Maxwell moved to approve and Joe Feliciano seconded the approval of the elimination of the General Track for the MA in Conflict Management and Resolution. The motion carried with 18 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

3. The chair invited Alicia Ramirez to give the highlights on a new proposed course, CSDO 495 Clinical Externship in Speech Language Pathology.

Discussion: Tiffany Dahlman asked for clarification on how the variable hours of the course (1, 2, or 3 hours) will work. Alicia clarified that a different number of clinical hours are required of each course level. Each state has its own requirements for a person to become a certified Speech Language Pathologist-Assistant, therefore not all students will need the same number of clinical hours. The students will determine which number of hours they will take to fulfill their state's requirements. Dr. Weiner asked if facility supervisors will be considered ACU employees. They will not, but Affiliation Agreements will be drawn up between ACU and each facility similar to ACU's CSD graduate program. Nancy Kucinski asked about the consequences for students not obtaining their required hours. Alicia says the students' grades will be penalized if they do not obtain all of their required clinical hours. Dr. Weiner asked about each facility grading differently and how that is regulated. Alicia clarified that all students will still check-in for the course, will be expected to meet course requirements, and each supervisor will complete an evaluation form provided by the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association. Nancy Kucinski asked if the students would be able to obtain the needed hours during a 7 week term, and Alicia confirmed that the students will have ample time to get their hours in.

Kathy Carroll moved to approve and Kipi Fleming seconded the approval of the new course, CSDO 495. The motion carried with 18 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting

Next meeting will occur on **Monday, March 20th, 2023** at 3pm CST. Submissions for business items are due in the Google Shared Drive by Monday, March 13th at Noon.

If you cannot be in attendance in March, please find a proxy and then inform the chair of who that will be.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the chair at 3:19pm CST.

APPROVAL

Minutes approved this X day of MONTH, 2023.

Dena Counts, Chair