

**ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY DALLAS
ACADEMIC COUNCIL**

May 15, 2023

3pm CST

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

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the ACU Dallas Academic Council was called to order at 3:00pm, on May 15, 2023 on Zoom video conference, by Dena Counts

OPENING CEREMONIES

The invocation was given by Tiffany Dahlman.

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: Stephanie Wanamaker

Guests present: Alison Pirtle, Karen Witemeyer, Lori Anne Shaw, Mark McCallon, Brenda Nichols, Jessica Smith, Kay Williams, Sheila Jones, Pricilla Wyatt, Theresa Naldoza

QUORUM

A quorum was present.

MINUTES

The minutes from April 17, 2023 were approved as presented.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. The chair invited Joe Feliciano to give the highlights on the new Cybersecurity degree request.

Discussion: None

Kipi Fleming moved to approve and Karen Maxwell seconded the request for the new Cybersecurity degree. The motion carried with 17 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

2. The chair invited Joe Feliciano to give an overview of each new course for the Cybersecurity degree. Documents for each of them are available on the blog.

Discussion: None

Tiffany Dahlman moved to approve and Meghan Hope seconded the approval of each of the 5 new ITA courses: ITA 121 PC Service and Support 1, ITA 122 PC Service and Support 2, ITA 332 Cloud and Network Defense, ITA 336 System Forensics, ITA 445: System Vulnerability Testing. The motion carried with 18 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

3. The chair invited Joe Feliciano to explain ITA degree changes to the CORE and the changing of the name of one of the concentrations. The documents for each of them can be found on the blog.

Discussion: Meghan Hope asked for clarification regarding the different concentrations of the degree.

Nancy Kucinski moved to approve and Sheila Jones seconded the motion to approve the changes to the CORE ITA and the change of name for the concentration to INFA as explained by Joe and noted in the blog. The motion carried with 18 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

4. The chair invited Joe Feliciano to explain one more change to the ITA degree, the changing of the prereq for ITO 310.

Discussion: None

Kathy Carroll moved to approve and Jackie Bluitt seconded the motion to approve the prereq change for ITO 310. The motion carried with 17 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

5. The chair presented further progress on the changes to the General Education Degree Plan. As noted in detail on the council agenda, General Education requirements for our incoming undergraduate students in fall of 2023 are changing from 56 hours to 54 hours. After the General Education changes were approved by the Undergraduate General Education Council, the Provost's Office created a document that reflected how the Gen Ed changes impacted degrees. Our Program Directors have viewed those changes and the ones listed on the agenda have approved the Provost's changes. Specific changes can be seen by clicking on the link that says Dallas in the agenda.

Discussion: None

Linda Gibson moved to approve and Karen Maxwell seconded the motion to approve all the undergraduate degree plan changes as noted on the agenda. The motion carried with 21 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

6. The chair invited Brandy Chalmers to give an overview of the new course INTG 134 Baseball History and Culture.

Discussion: Meghan Hope asked for clarification as to why this course is in INTG instead of History. Brandy Chalmers explained that this course draws from multiple disciplines, therefore it falls in the INTG degree plan. Brian Cole asked if all students (credit/non-credit) will be integrated in this course. This current vote is for the CORE class, but there will eventually be an offering for the general population. Kipi Fleming asked what type of credentialing will be required for this course for professors. Dr. Scott Self says that yes, there are credentialing standards for INTG. Teachers need to have interdisciplinary experience to teach this course. Dr. Smith explained that all courses at ACU are credentialed at the course level.

Kathy Carroll moved to approve and Joe Feliciano seconded the motion to approve the new course INTG 134 Baseball History and Culture. The motion carried with 17 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

7. The chair explained some minor changes to the Applied Communication degree including the removal of COMO 211 from the Degree Plan and replacing it with COMO 120 Introduction to Public Speaking. This new course was previously approved by council in December 2022. Also, we accept Gen ED changes as proposed by the Provost's Office. The final change request is removing COMO 211 as the prereq for COMO 486, as COMO 211 will no longer be utilized as a course.

Discussion: Karen Witemeyer asked if COMO 486 is a shared course. The chair confirmed that yes, the training course is a shared course. Dr. Smith confirmed that Abilene does utilize a prereq for this course, therefore the requested changes would not mimic what Abilene already has in place. The chair now suggests that this item be tabled for now and re-addressed in the June meeting. The council will need to vote on the tabling of this time until next month.

Kathy Carroll moved and Kipi Fleming seconded the motion to table the prereq removal for the COMO 486 Training course. The motion carried with 19 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

Alline Sada moved to approve and Sheila Jones seconded the motion for the change of the Applied Communication degree to include the removal of COMO 211 from the Degree Plan and replacing it with COMO 120 Introduction to Public Speaking. The motion carried with 18 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting

Next meeting will occur on **Monday, June 26th, 2023** at 3pm CST. Submissions for business items are due in the Google Shared Drive by Tuesday, June 20th at Noon.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the chair at XX CST.

APPROVAL

Minutes approved this X day of MONTH, 2023.

Dena Counts, Chair