

**ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY DALLAS
ACADEMIC COUNCIL**

October 23, 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 October 23, 2023 on Zoom video conference by Scott Self.

PROXY

Brenda McAdoo for Brandy Chalmers

Kathy Carroll for Meghan Hope

OPENING CEREMONIES

The invocation was given by Karen Maxwell.

ROLL CALL

Members in attendance: Alicia Ramirez, Alline Ayala, Brenda McAdoo, Jackie Bluit, Joe Feliciano, Jon Wiener, Karen Maxwell, Kathy Carroll, Kipi Fleming, Marica Sotelo, Nancy Kucinski, Nannette Glenn, Scott Self, Stephanie Wanamaker, and Tiffany Dahlman. Scott Self chaired the meeting today in Dena Counts' absence.

Members absent: Brandy Chalmers, Dena Counts, Meghan Hope, Sara Salkil

Guests present: Lori Anne Shaw, Eric Gumm, and Alison Pirtle

QUORUM

A quorum was present.

MINUTES

The minutes from September 25, 2023 were approved as presented.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The Child and Family Services program is making a name change to their FAMO 251 course, "Introduction to Family Studies" to "Introduction to Family Development and Relationships" to align with changes made in Abilene on this shared course.

Informational items are approved by consent and voting is not required by the council on these items. There were no objections and this item was adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The chair asked for a motion to remove the Certificate in Cybersecurity 1 from the table. Alline Ayala moved to approve and Kathy Carroll seconded the motion to remove the Certificate in Cybersecurity 1 from the table. The motion carried with 14 yes and 0 no votes and 0 abstentions, and the agenda item was reconsidered. The chair asked Joe Feliciano to update the council on the changes that were made to this certificate since our last meeting. Joe explained that this is a certification preparation course. It's an opportunity for students to learn, study, plan, and then take the certification exam. The new name will be the Certificate of Fundamental System Security.

Discussion: Nancy Kucinski asked for clarification on what type of exam it is. Joe clarified that it will be an industry certification exam. The one credit hour helps the students prepare for that.

Alicia Ramirez moved to approve and Tiffany Dahlman seconded the motion to approve the Certificate of Fundamental System Security. The motion carried with 14 yes and 0 no votes and 0 abstentions.

2. The chair asked for a motion to remove the Certificate in Cybersecurity 2 from the table. Brenda McAdoo moved to approve and Alline Ayala seconded the motion to remove the Certificate in Cybersecurity 2 from the table. The motion carried with 14 yes and 0 no votes and 0 abstentions, and the agenda item was reconsidered. The chair asked Joe Feliciano to update the council on the changes that were made to this certificate since our last meeting. The new name will be the Certificate in Essential System Forensics and Defense. This certificate is more advanced and is designed to be taken after the Certificate of Fundamental System Security. Again, one credit hour helps the students prepare for the exam.

Discussion: Jon Wiener asked what type of students are being targeted for these certificates. Joe explained that the spirit is with EEPa (corporate partners such as INFOSEC) to leverage some of the boot camps/trainings they have used. Then, the students could eventually pursue a full degree. Jon suggests that perhaps they could automatically get their certificates if they go ahead and pursue the degree from the start. Joe explained that the certificates are not a part of the degree plan at this time. Scott Self noted the advantage of the student earning 30 hours of credit towards Joe's degree. Nancy Kucinski asked who pays for the certification exam? Joe explained the students pay for the exam, but we obtain the exam for them with a discount. Nancy also pointed out a typo on #4 of the document (there are two "1s" where there should only be one.) Joe will correct this when Dena Counts returns. Tiffany Dahlman asked if the certificate names are accessible when people Google these certificates? This could be researched later with the marketing team.

Jon Wiener moved to approve and Jackie Bluitt seconded the motion to approve the Certificate in Essential System Forensics and Defense. The motion carried with 15 yes and 0 no votes and 0 abstentions.

3. The chair invited Joe Feliciano to explain the two new courses, ITO 335 and ITO 435 associated with the approved certificates.

Discussion: Nancy Kucinski noted the mention of a research paper in the student outcomes when it's only a 1 hour course. Joe clarified that it was included in a list of general items that "may" be included in the course, but he does not intend to require a research paper.

Kathy Carroll moved to approve and Kipi Fleming seconded the motion to approve both courses, ITO 335 and ITO 435. The motion carried with 15 yes and 0 no votes and 0 abstentions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting will occur on **Monday, November 27, 2023** at 3:00pm CST. Submissions for business items due in Council Folder by Monday, November 13th at noon.

Nominations for Interim Deans due as soon as possible! Faculty will be notified when the nomination window is closing.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the chair at 3:26 pm CST.

APPROVAL

Minutes approved this X day of MONTH, 2023.

Dena Counts, Chair