

ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY DALLAS
ACADEMIC COUNCIL
November 27, 2023
3pm CST

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CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the ACU Dallas Academic Council was called to order at 3:02pm, on November 27, 2023.

PROXY

OPENING CEREMONIES

The invocation was given by Brenda McAdoo.

ROLL CALL

Members in attendance: Alicia Ramirez, Brenda McAdoo, Dena Counts, Jackie Bluitt, Joe Feliciano, Karen Maxwell, Kathy Carroll, Kipi Fleming, Marica Sotelo, Meghan Hope, Nancy Kucinski, Sara Salkil, Scott Self, Stephanie Wanamaker, and Tiffany Dahlman.

Members absent: Alline Ayala, Brandy Chalmers, Jon Wiener, and Nannette Glenn,

Guests present: Jessica Smith, Karen Witemeyer, Lori Anne Shaw, Theresa Naldoza, and Alison Pirtle

QUORUM

A quorum was present.

MINUTES

The minutes from October 23, 2023 were approved as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The chair highlighted the requested changes to the Applied Communication degree which included changing the name to Organizational Communication and changing the course identifiers to ORCO.

Discussion: None

Tiffany Dahlman moved to approve and Nancy Kucinski seconded the motion to approve the Applied Communication degree name change as well as the course prefixes. The motion carried with 14 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

2. The chair invited Tiffany Dahlman to explain requested changes to the Christian Service and Formation degree which include a name change to "Christian Ministry and Spiritual Formation" as well as changing the course prefixes to BCMO.

Discussion: None

Kathy Carroll moved to approve and Kipi Fleming seconded the motion to approve the Christian Service and Formation degree name change as well as the course prefixes. The motion carried with 13 yes and 0 no votes and 2 abstentions.

3. The chair invited Nancy Kucinski to explain the requested name change of the Management degree to Business Management degree.

Discussion: None

Stephanie Wanamaker moved to approve and Karen Maxwell seconded the motion to approve Management degree name change. The motion carried with 14 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

4. The chair invited Marcia Sotelo to explain requested admission requirement changes in the DNP program. Dr. Sotelo would like to modify the wording on the 500 word personal statement essay, as it does not accurately reflect the intent of the DNP project. This will enable the faculty to better guide the students, even before admission, as to exactly what a DNP project is.

Discussion: Sara asked when admission changes such as these become effective. Jessica Smith says it's best to wait until a full new catalog year rather than immediately because the addendum only calls attention to new items, not modified items.

Alicia Ramirez moved to approve and Brenda McAdoo seconded the motion to approve the DNP program admission req changes. The motion carried with 13 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

5. The chair invited Marcia Sotelo to explain requested changes to prerequisites for two of the DNP courses: NURS 727 and 731.

Discussion: Marcia asked Jessica Smith when these individual course changes can take effect. Jessica commented that typically the changes don't go into effect until the new academic year starts in the summer. In the meantime, the faculty should work with advisors to guide students appropriately.

Karen Maxwell moved to approve and Meghan Hope seconded the motion approval of the DNP change to prerequisites for NURS 727 and 731. The motion carried with 13 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

6. The chair invited Alicia Ramirez to explain her request to bring over a course from Abilene as a shared course, CMDO 226, which is a Phonetics lab. It has not previously been available to online students.

Discussion: Nancy Kucinski asked Alicia how this lab will be done. Alicia clarified that she will follow the same model as the residential experience in Abilene, which involves some co-mingling with other students. She has done the research on this and it will be easy to do.

Kipi Fleming moved to approve and Kathy Carroll seconded the motion to approval of the CMDO 226 being a shared course. The motion carried with 15 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The Applied Communication program which is now the Organizational Communication program is making a name change to their 491 course, to "Organizational Communication Capstone" to align with the change of the program name.

The Christian Service and Formation program which is now the Christian Ministry and Spiritual Formation program is making a name change to their 491 course, "Christian Ministry and Spiritual Formation Capstone" to align with the change of the program name.

The EDD program is making a change of description to their LEAD 701 course which you can read on the blog.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting will occur on **Monday, December 18, 2023** at 3:00pm CST. Submissions for business items due in Council Folder by Monday, December 11th at noon.

If you will be gone the day of our December meeting, please get a proxy and notify the Chair of who that proxy will be.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the chair at 3:22 pm CST.

APPROVAL

Minutes approved this X day of MONTH, 2023.

Dena Counts, Chair