ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY DALLAS
ACADEMIC COUNCIL
January 29, 2024
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 January 29, 2024.

OPENING CEREMONIES
The invocation was given by Jackie Bluitt.

ROLL CALL
Members in attendance: Alicia Ramirez, Brandy Chalmers, Brenda McAdoo, Dena Counts, Jackie Bluitt, Jenn Gillin, Joe Feliciano, Jon Wiener, Karen Maxwell, Kathy Carroll, Kipi Fleming, Marica Sotelo, Sara Salkil, Scott Self, Sheila Jones, Stephanie Wanamaker, and Tiffany Dahlman.

Members absent: Alline Ayala, Meghan Hope, Nancy Kucinski, and Nannette Glenn,

Guests present: Eric Gumm, Jessica Smith, Karen Witemeyer, Lori Anne Shaw, Mark McCallon, Julie Lane, Melissa Long, DJ Jones, and Alison Pirtle.

QUORUM
A quorum was present.

MINUTES
The minutes from November 27, 2023 were approved as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The chair invited Dr. DJ Jones and Dr. Melissa Long to our council to share the proposed Masters in Sports Leadership. Dr. Jones is the interim Program Director for this proposed program and Dr. Long wrote the program proposal in partnership with Dr. Jones, Dr. Counts and Dr. McAdoo.

   Discussion: Dr. Jessica Smith commented that the packet was missing a 2 page memo regarding the program curriculum by track. This memo shows updates that were made on Friday 1/26. Dr. Self emailed the document to the council during the meeting. Karen Witemeyer mentioned that we can move forward as long as the memo is added to the proposal later. Dr. Weiner asked if certificates were being considered for this program. Dr. Jones confirmed that they are considering certificates and making plans to add them.

Dr. Jones confirmed that this is a 30 hour degree, non-thesis. Dr. Smith suggested a quick point out of changes to the document before a vote. Dr. Kipi Fleming mentioned that some of the listed courses are LEAD courses that have not been approved by council yet. The chair suggests that it's ok to proceed. Dr. Wiener asked Dr. Jones' thoughts on experiential credit (i.e. a coach with 20 years of experience.) Dr. Jones would like to understand precedent at ACU regarding this type of credit. Dr. Smith commented that students bring all types of experiential learning to the table. Ideally, we would like them to take the classes or utilize credit by exam. Dr. Jones agrees with Dr. Smith.

Kipi Fleming moved to approve and Stephanie Wanamaker seconded the motion to approve the MS Sports Leadership proposal with corrections made to the memo. The motion carried with 16 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

2. The chair invited Dr. Long to give an overview of 4 shared courses proposed in the Sports Leadership degree: PSYO 688, PSYO 542, KINO 604 and ATPO 613.

   Discussion: None

   Brenda McAdoo moved to approve and Joe Feliciano seconded the motion to approve the 4 shared courses proposed in the Sports Leadership degree: PSYO 688, PSYO 542, KINO 604 and ATPO 613. The motion carried with 15 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

3. The chair invited Dr. Long to share the 2 new courses proposed for the SL degree: KINO 591 and 502.

   Discussion: None

   Joe Feliciano moved to approve and Kipi Fleming seconded the motion to approve the 2 new courses proposed for the SL degree: KINO 591 and 502. The motion carried with 15 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

4. The chair invited Stephanie Wanamaker to explain the Psychology program's proposal to lessen the hours in their degree program from 128 to 120.

   Discussion: Eric Gumm mentioned that if current students change to a new degree program, thus changing to the new catalog, their general education requirements will also change.

   Sheila Jones moved to approve and Jackie Bluitt seconded the motion to approve the change of hours in the Psychology degree from 128 to 120. The motion carried with 14 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

5. The chair invited Dr. Shelia Jones to explain proposed changes to prereqs for several courses. All the prereq changes were considered at once. This includes the courses: NUTR 654, 653, 652, 651, 635, 634, 633, 632, 629, 628, 627, 626, 625, 624, 623, and NUTR 622 Prereq Change.

   Discussion: None

   Stephanie Wanamaker moved to approve and Karen Maxwell seconded the motion to approve the prereq changes for NUTR 654, 653, 652, 651, 635, 634, 633, 632, 629, 628, 627, 626, 625, 624, 623, and NUTR 622 Prereq Change. The motion carried with 15 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

6. The chair invited Dr. Sheila Jones to explain the NUTR program proposed closure of a course, NUTR 620.

   Discussion: None

   Kathy Carroll moved to approve and Brenda McAdoo seconded the motion to approve the closure of NUTR 620. The motion carried with 15 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

7. The chair invited Dr. Kipi Fleming to explain the rationale behind proposed changes to the both the degree name and degree plan in the MSOD program. The proposed name change is from MS in Organizational Development to MS in Organizational Leadership.

   Discussion: Dr. Sara Salkil asked if the program outcomes stay the same when the program name changes. Dr. Fleming confirmed that a few changed, but the course outcomes map back to the new program outcomes. Jessica Smith mentioned that there is a long-term project ahead making sure there is clarity between course outcomes and program outcomes.

   Karen Maxwell moved to approve and Kathy Carroll seconded the motion to approve the name change of the MSOD to MSOL and the programs degree plan changes. The motion carried with 15 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

8. The chair invited Dr. Kipi Fleming to explain 4 new courses proposed for the MSOL program: LEAD 620, LEAD 615, LEAD 605, and LEAD 601.

   Discussion: None

   Karen Maxwell moved to approve and Joe Feliciano seconded the motion to approve the 4 new courses: LEAD 620, LEAD 615, LEAD 605, and LEAD 601. The motion carried with 15 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

9. The chair invited Dr. Kipi Fleming to give an overview of proposed changes to the CONR certification.

   Discussion: Karen Witemeyer mentioned they are adding an option of LEAD 601 in addition to CONR 606. This is noted in the documents.

   Brandy Chalmers moved to approve and Alicia Ramirez seconded the motion to approve the changes to the CONR certification. The motion carried with 14 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting will occur on **Monday, February 26, 2024** at 3:00pm CST. Submissions for business items due in Council Folder by Monday, February 12th 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 3:55 pm CST.

APPROVAL
Minutes approved this X day of MONTH, 2024.

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Dena Counts, Chair