ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY DALLAS
ACADEMIC COUNCIL
February 26, 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 February 26, 2024.

PROXY
Meghan Hope was proxy for Brandy Chalmers. Kathy Carroll was proxy for Stephanie Wanamaker.

OPENING CEREMONIES
The invocation was given by Dr. Kathy Carroll.

ROLL CALL
Members in attendance: Alicia Ramirez, Alline Sada, Brenda McAdoo, Dena Counts, Jackie Bluitt, Joe Feliciano, Jon Wiener, Karen Maxwell, Kathy Carroll, Kipi Fleming, Marica Sotelo, Meghan Hope, Nancy Kucinski, Nannette Glenn, Sara Salkil, Scott Self, and Tiffany Dahlman.

Members absent: Brandy Chalmers, Jenn Gillan, and Stephanie Wanamaker

Guests present: Jessica Smith, Lori Anne Shaw, Mark McCallon, Sheila Jones, Theresa Naldoza, and Alison Pirtle

QUORUM
A quorum was present.

MINUTES
The minutes from January 29, 2024 were approved as presented.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNCIL: Reviews all indicated actions on Academic Approval chart and votes to make recommendations to the Dean of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies, the University Provost, and the President.

Our norms for using Robert's Rules of Orders is that someone proposes something in our council's academic jurisdiction, the presenter explains the item, council has the opportunity to ask questions, and then an acceptance motion can be made (a motion to accept an item or to accept an item with adjustments) before taking a vote.

However, there are times that council members may not want to approve an item and we have some options for navigating that issue.

1. If a council member does not think an item should even be voted on, don't make a motion or second it.
2. Or, if a motion is made to accept an item, council members can always vote no.
3. Another option is a council member can make a motion to table an item. To table, a motion is made and then seconded to table the item with an explanation of what changes or information they need before consideration in the next meeting. Council would then vote on the tabling. In the next meeting, council would have to vote to bring something off of the table in order to consider it on the next agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The chair explained the proposed closing of JMCO 348 course, Principles of Advertising. The Abilene Journalism department is closing this course and Dallas is no longer using it with no plans in the future to use it.

   Discussion: None

   Dr. Sheila Jones moved to approve and Dr. Kipi Fleming seconded the motion to approve the closing of JMCO 348. The motion carried with 16 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

2. The chair invited Dr. Kathy Carroll to explain the proposed name change of Health and Human Performance program to Exercise Science.

   Discussion: Dr. Joe Feliciano asked how this name will be received from the outside. Dr. Carroll mentioned that it will give more exposure and pop-up higher in internet searches. Exercise Science is a more well-known term. Dr. Sara Salkil asked if name change will be retroactive to students. Dr. Jessica Smith commented that it's pretty rare that we make the change retroactive, but there is always the option if needed. Marketing mentioned this change in the Enhanced Program Review, though Dr. Carroll had this change in mind for several years.

   Dr. Jackie Bluitt moved to approve and Dr. Jon Wiener seconded the motion to approve the name change of Health and Human Performance to Exercise Science. The motion carried with 16 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

3. The chair invited Dr. Carroll to explain the proposed change of outcomes for BIOO 101.

   Discussion: None

Dr. Karen Maxwell moved to approve and Dr. Sheila Jones seconded the motion to approve the change in outcomes for BIOO 101. The motion carried with 16 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

4. The chair invited Dr. Meghan Hope to share about the new proposed course, HCAD 111.

   Discussion: None

   Dr. Jackie Bluitt moved to approve and Dr. Kathy Carroll seconded the motion to approve the new course, HCAD 111. The motion carried with 16 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

5. The chair invited Dr. Alline Sada, Interim Program Director of the Sports Leadership Degree, to review a proposed new course, SPLD 601 Sports Foundations.

   Discussion: Dr. Fleming mentioned she had received some questions about this course via the anonymous Faculty Council form. There were concerns that the level of rigor did not represent a graduate level course. There were also concerns about the quick turnaround time of Summer 1 for these courses to be developed. Dr. Sada said the development will be expedited and the rigor matches other degree plans. Dr. Fleming reported another anonymous comment that the Specific Learning Outcome about students thinking critically seems generic. Dr. Sada explained the SLO and offered to go back and rewrite it to reflect her intent. Dr. Hope asked where the experiential learning piece comes in. Dr. Sada explained there is an accrediting body that gives secondary accreditation for anything that is sports related. This body does require experiential learning. While we will not seek that accreditation right now, we will attempt to mimic what they require.

   Dr. Fleming moved to table the approval of this course until the SLO's are updated. Dr. Nancy Kucinski seconded the motion to table. Before a vote was taken, Dr. Fleming received anonymous requests asking that the vote occur anonymously. At that time, Council went into executive session. All non-voting members left the meeting while a vote was taken by the chair. The motion to table carried with 8 yes and 6 no votes and 1 abstention.

6. The chair invited Dr. Sada to review a proposed new course, SPLD 543 Ethics and Legal Issues in Sports.

   Discussion occurred, but the item was not considered.

   At this time, council had run for an hour and the rest of the agenda was not brought up for consideration for council. The remaining items will move to the March council meeting.

After the council meeting, an email was sent to all council members about the informational items on the agenda.

We had Informational Items on our agenda today. Since they are only informational items, we are going to pass them as consent items unless a member emails me back within 24 hours that they want to remove these from the consent agenda making them an item that needs to be voted on in the next meeting.

Information items are intended to provide the council with brief updates on changes that are limited in scope. Here's a list of our informational items from today's agenda. You can find the full documents on the blog.

The new MSOL program is changing the title for COMM 697- OD Capstone to LEAD 697- Capstone Seminar in Organizational Leadership.

The HHP or now known as Exercise Science degree is changing the subject codes for HHP 201, 374, 401, 421, 451, and 491 to EXSO.

They are also changing the subject code and name for HHP 491 Health and Human Performance Capstone to EXSO 491 Exercise Science Capstone. Plus, HHP 201 Foundations of Health and Human Performance to EXSO 201 Foundations of Exercise Science.

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 **March 25, 2024** at 3:00pm CST. Submissions for business items due in Council Folder by Monday, March 11th at noon.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the chair at 3:59 pm CST.

APPROVAL

Minutes approved this X day of MONTH, 2024.

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Dena Counts, Chair