

**ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY DALLAS
ACADEMIC COUNCIL**

April 22, 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 April 22, 2024.

PROXY

OPENING CEREMONIES

The invocation was given by Alicia Ramirez.

ROLL CALL

Members in attendance: Alicia Ramirez, Alline Ayala, Brenda McAdoo, Darlene Breaux, Dena Counts, Jackie Bluit, Joe Feliciano, Jon Wiener, Karen Maxwell, Kathy Carroll, Kipi Fleming, Marica Sotelo, Meghan Hope, Nancy Kucinski, Scott Self, and Tiffany Dahlman.

Members absent: Brandy Chalmers, Jenn Gillin, Nannette Glenn, Sara Salkil, and Stephanie Wanamaker

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

QUORUM

A quorum was present.

MINUTES

The minutes from March 25, 2024 were approved as presented.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

There has been a change in description and outcomes to the EDUO 610 Humans at Work: EI, Resilience, and Vocational Formation course.

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.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The chair invited Dr. Joe Feliciano to explain the proposal to change the hours of Cyber certificates of Certificate of Essential System Forensics and Defense (CYBE) and Certificate of Fundamental System Security (CYBF) from 16 to 15 hours.

Discussion: none

Shelia Jones moved to approve and Aline Sada seconded the motion to approve the change of hours for the Certificate of Essential System Forensics and Defense (CYBE) and Certificate of Fundamental System Security (CYBF) from 16 to 15 hours. The motion carried with 14 yes and 0 no votes and 2 abstentions.

2. The chair invited Dr. Jackie Bluitt to explain two new courses proposed by our Gen Ed program, UNIO 101 and UNIO 102.

Discussion: How are the students filtered into these classes? Upon enrollment, the students will take a test called Smarter Measures to see if they are good candidates for these courses. These can run concurrently with other courses for all majors. Jon Wiener asked if transfers with good standing can bypass the course and the test? Scott Self explained that this is intended for students with 0 credit hours, not incoming transfer students with credit. Kipi Fleming asked what happens if a student comes in that doesn't qualify as "at-risk", but it becomes evident later on that they could benefit from a course like this? Dr. Bluitt explained that Academic Advisors are guiding the students through this process, so in the future it's possible those students could be referred to these courses later.

Kathy Carroll moved to approve and Kipi Fleming seconded the motion to approve the two courses, UNIO 101 and UNIO 102. The motion carried with 14 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

3. The chair invited Dr. Tiffany Dahlman to explain her proposal for a change to the Christian Service and Formation degree plan by eliminating BIHO 432: Story of Christian Spirituality as a Theology/History option.

Discussion: None

Jackie Bluitt moved to approve and Meghan Hope seconded the motion to approve the elimination BIHO 432: Story of Christian Spirituality as a Theology/History option Christian Service and Formation. The motion carried with 14 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

4. The chair explained the proposal to close some of our JMCO courses that were connected to the Digital Media degree plan, a degree that the council agreed to close

last year. The courses listed in the blog were JMCO 265 Film Production, JMCO 465 Documentary Practicum, JMCO 361 Advanced Media Production, JMCO 224 Media Writing, and JMCO 100 Media Issues.

Discussion: Darlene Breaux asked if any students would be impacted by these changes? These courses have never run at ACU, so no students will be affected.

Kipi Fleming moved to approve and Jon Wiener seconded the motion to approve the closing of the listed JMCO courses. The motion carried with 15 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting will occur on **Tuesday May 28, 2024** at 3:00pm CST. Submissions for business items due in Council Folder by Monday, May 13th at noon.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the chair at 3:30 pm CST.

APPROVAL

Minutes approved this X day of MONTH, 2024.

Dena Counts, Chair