

**ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY DALLAS
ACADEMIC COUNCIL**

May 28, 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 May 28, 2024.

OPENING CEREMONIES

The invocation was given by Kathy Carroll.

ROLL CALL

Members in attendance: Alicia Ramirez, Alline Ayala, Brandy Chalmers, Brenda McAdoo, Darlene Breaux, Dena Counts, Jackie Bluitt, Jenn Gillan, Jon Wiener, Karen Maxwell, Kathy Carroll, Kipi Fleming, Marica Sotelo, Nancy Kucinski, Nannette Glenn, Sara Salkil, Scott Self, and Stephanie Wanamaker.

Members absent: Joe Feliciano, Meghan Hope, and Tiffany Dahlman

Guests present: Kathy Yeager, Jessica Smith, Karen Witemeyer, Mark McCallon, Sheila Jones, Theresa Naldoza, and Alison Pirtle

QUORUM

A quorum was present.

MINUTES

The minutes from April 22, 2024 were approved as presented.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- EdD Org Lead
 - LEAD 701 Title/Course Description Change
 - LEAD 765 Title/Course Description Change
 - LEAD 793 Course Description Change
 - LEAD 794 Course Description Change
- DNP
 - NURS 752 Name Change
- ORLD
 - LEAD 697 Course Outcomes Change
- CONR
 - CONR 606 Course Outcomes Change

- CONR 602 Course Outcomes Change
- CJ
 - Subject Code Change PLSO to GVTO
 - Subject Code Change PLCO to CRMO
- ORCO
 - Subject Code Change ORCO 412/465

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. Marcia Sotelo to explain changes to the DNP degree plan.

Discussion: None

Stephanie Wanamaker moved to approve and Kathy Carroll seconded the motion to approve the changes to the DNP degree plan. The motion carried with 13 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

2. The chair invited Dr. Marcia Sotelo to explain two new courses proposed by DNP, NURS 746 and 742.

Discussion: Nancy Kucinski asked if there are qualified instructors to teach the finance/accounting aspects of one of the courses. Marcia explained that it's not a true business finance/accounting course. The content is more from a healthcare/executive leadership perspective, chief nursing executives and others qualified to teach the class can cover the material effectively.

Nancy Kucinski moved to approve and Jackie Bluitt seconded the motion to approve the two courses, NURS 746 and 742. The motion carried with 15 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

3. The chair invited Dr. Marcia Sotelo to explain the proposed closure of two courses, NURS 727 and NURS 737.

Discussion: None

Darlene Breaux moved to approve and Brandy Chalmers seconded the motion to approve the closure of two courses, NURS 727 and NURS 737. The motion carried with 15 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

4. The chair invited Dr. Marcia Sotelo and Dr. Scott Self to explain the proposed new certificate in Pre-Health.

Discussion: Sara Salkil asked about the status of the FTE posting. Marcia commented that they are in the process of working on the posting. Jon Wiener asked if these transfers will send students over the credit hour limits and if all credits will transfer. Marcia replied that due to Texas legislation and our regional accreditation, our students are not at risk of going over and all credits will transfer. Sheila Jones asked if this cert could be opened up to other allied health prospective students? Marcia commented that yes they will be open to students in other programs. This was the reasoning behind naming the certification pre-health instead of pre-nursing. Sheila asked for clarification on the science courses. Marcia explained they are currently 7 week courses, but we will also create a 14 week option that will include proctored exams. Outcomes would not be changing, so no vote would be required in council.

Jackie Bluitt moved to approve and Kipi Fleming seconded the motion to approve the new certificate in Pre-Health. The motion carried with 14 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

5. The chair invited Dr. Karen Maxwell and Dr. Kathy Yeager to explain the proposed catalog change to the ED.D Org Lead degree plan.

Discussion: Jessica Smith clarified there will need to be a 3 hour section, a 1 hour section, as well as a grad 79X class every session. There was discussion surrounding the administrative/operations process of enrolling students in the various sections each term. Karen Witemeyer offered to have a conversation with those on the operations side to help simplify/streamline the process.

Karen Maxwell and Kathy Yeager decided to remove this item from the agenda for now. The Learning Design and Operations team will be consulted regarding the registration process and the item will be added to the next meeting's agenda.

6. The chair invited Dr. Karen Maxwell to explain the proposed HIED concentration changes for the EDD and EDS in Org Lead as detailed on the council blog.

Discussion: None

Sheila Jones moved to approve and Darlene Breux seconded the motion to approve the HIED concentration changes for the EDD and EDS in Org Lead. The motion carried with 14 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

7. The chair invited Dr. Karen Maxwell to explain the HCAD track addition to the EDD in Org Lead.

Discussion: None

Kathy Carroll moved to approve and Nancy Kucinski seconded the motion to approve the HCAD track addition to the EDD in Org Lead. The motion carried with 16 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

8. The chair explained the four ORCO items on the agenda: the addition of the Social Media Management track, the addition of the Leadership and Communication track, the closure of the Healthcare Communication track, and the edits noted on the blog for the Organizational Change track.

Discussion: Brandy Chalmers asked if the healthcare communication classes were going to be removed completely. Dr. Counts confirmed they are not being removed. Two are moving to the HCAD track and one is remaining in her program.

Alline Ayala moved to approve and Jackie Bluit seconded the motion to approve the four ORCO items on the agenda: the addition of the Social Media Management track, the addition of the Leadership and Communication track, the closure of the Healthcare Communication track, and the edits noted on the blog for the Organizational Change track. The motion carried with 14 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

9. The chair explained the proposed shared course JMCO 342 Communication Design, and then the proposed new courses: ORCO 451 Communicating with Data, ORCO 445 Organizational Culture and Change, ORCO 444 Social Media Data and Analytics, ORCO 427 Social Media Campaigns, ORCO 425 Communication Leadership and Organizational Change, ORCO 351 Branding.

Discussion: Nancy Kucinski inquired about potential software programs for the data/visualizing data courses. The chair explained that she isn't sure which program will be used. Her intent for the course is about presenting data in a way that communicates your ideas and is persuasive, not just creating graphs. It's broader than just a software. Jessica Smith noted that the topic of data presentation is included in several courses. The SMEs will need to be made aware of this in order to prevent overlap of outcomes.

Kipi Fleming moved to approve and Brenda McAdoo seconded the motion to approve the shared course JMCO 342 Communication Design, and the new courses: ORCO 451 Communicating with Data, ORCO 445 Organizational Culture and Change, ORCO 444 Social Media Data and Analytics, ORCO 427 Social Media Campaigns, ORCO 42. The motion carried with 15 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

10. The chair invited Dr. Darlene Breaux to explain the admission change for the EDD in Ed Lead and the principal track course changes.

Discussion: None

Alline Ayala moved to approve and Jackie Bluit seconded the motion to approve the admission change for the EDD in Ed Lead and the principal track course changes. The motion carried with 15 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

11. The chair invited Dr. Kipi Fleming to explain the proposed removal of CONR 628/635 from CONR Cert, removal of CONR 628/635 from MACMR Practitioner Track, removal of CONR 628/635 from MACMR Organizational Track, removal of CONR 628/635 from MACMR Healthcare Org Track and the closure of CONR 635.

Discussion: Nancy Kucinski asked if any of these are the pathway courses to the MBA, and Kipi confirmed they are not.

Nancy Kucinski moved to approve and Stephanie Wanamaker seconded the motion to approve the removal of CONR 628/635 from CONR Cert, removal of CONR 628/635 from MACMR Practitioner Track, removal of CONR 628/635 from MACMR Organizational Track, removal of CONR 628/635 from MACMR Healthcare Org Track and the closure of CONR 635. The motion carried with 16 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

12. The chair invited Dr. Nancy Kucinski to explain the proposal of three new courses: NPLO 638 Social Entrepreneurship, NPLO 635 Nonprofit Administration, and NPLO 631 Nonprofit Leadership.

Discussion: None

Kathy Carroll moved to approve and Darlene Breaux seconded the motion to approve the three new courses: NPLO 638 Social Entrepreneurship, NPLO 635 Nonprofit Administration, and NPLO 631 Nonprofit Leadership. The motion carried with 16 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

13. The chair invited Dr. Sara Salkil to explain the new course proposed by MFTO - MFTO 617 Internship Continuation.

Discussion: None

Kipi Fleming moved to approve and Brenda McAdoo seconded the motion to approve the new course MFTO 617 Internship Continuation. The motion carried with 15 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

14. The chair invited Stephanie Wanamaker to explain the proposed changes to the prereqs for PSYO 233 and to change the BIOO Science req for the program.

Discussion: Jackie Bluitt asked if Stephanie agrees with the changes requested by Abilene. Stephanie is on the fence because she feels PSYO 233 contains important

information students need to know prior to taking other courses. She does understand, however, that these changes will help students to get into the courses more smoothly.

Alline Ayala moved to approve and Kathy Carroll seconded the motion to approve the changes to the prereqs for PSYO 233 and to change the BIOO Science req for the program. The motion carried with 14 yes and 0 no votes and 2 abstention.

15. The chair presented the proposed change to the prereqs for ITO 220. Joe Feliciano was asked by Abilene to propose these changes.

Discussion: None

Karen Maxwell moved to approve and Kipi Fleming seconded the motion to approve the change to the prereqs for ITO 220. The motion carried with 14 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, June 24th at 3pm ACU time. Items due in Council Folder by Monday, June 10th, at noon.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the chair at 4:06 pm CST.

APPROVAL

Minutes approved this X day of MONTH, 2024.

Dena Counts, Chair