

**ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY DALLAS
ACADEMIC COUNCIL**

February 24, 2025

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 24, 2025.

OPENING CEREMONIES

The invocation was given by Joe Feliciano.

ROLL CALL

Members in attendance: Alicia Ramirez, Aline Ayala, Bill Hunt, Brandon Podgorski, Darlene Breaux, Deanna Melton-Riddle, Dena Counts, Jacqueline Bluit, Jenn Gillin, Joe Feliciano, Jon Wiener, Kathy Carroll, Kipi Fleming, Marica Sotelo, Meghan Hope, Nancy Kucinski, Nannette Glenn, Sara Salkil, Scott Self, Sheila Jones, Stephanie Wanamaker, Theresa Naldoza, and Twyla Williams-Damond.

Members absent: Brandy Chalmers, Brena McAdoo, Sandra Cleveland, Tiffany Dahlman

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

QUORUM

A quorum was present.

MINUTES

The minutes from December 2024 were approved as presented.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- MFTO 645
- MFTO 670

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 Sara Salkil to review requested course changes to MFTO (several course number changes and one-course number, name and description change.)

Discussion: Sheila Jones asked why the course numbers were changed to 500 level courses. Sara explained that the 500's was the only series where 8 course numbers were available in sequence.

Shelia Jones moved to approve and Kathy Carroll seconded the motion to approve the course changes to MFTO. The motion carried with 14 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

2. The chair invited Kristy Williams to explain the proposed changes to the Pre-Health Certification (name change and admission/math requirements.) The proposed name change is to Pre-Nursing Certification.

Discussion: Kathy Carroll asked if the certification is truly for pre-nursing and not other areas such as allied-health? Kristy says no allied health students are currently using this certification, only pre-nursing students.

Jacqueline Bluitt moved to approve the name change only and Kipi Fleming seconded the motion to approve the name change. The motion carried with 18 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

Kristy Williams next explained proposed edits to the admission/math requirements for this certification. The proposal is to allow students who transfer in with Math 120 to fulfill the math requirement for chemistry, instead of requiring them to take Math 123, since Math 120 would be considered a sufficient prerequisite for chemistry courses.

Discussion: Karen Witemeyere asked if changes to the admission requirements will also need to be reflected in the certificate itself to prevent the need for substitutions. She suggested that this might require additional approval. Kristy addressed the difficulty of including Math 120 as a requirement when the institution does not offer that course. This poses a challenge in offering a course that isn't available. Jessica Smith offered a recommendation that even though Math 120 is not regularly offered, it could still be considered valid for transfer

students. This would help avoid substitutions and maintain consistency, especially when Math 120 serves as a prerequisite for chemistry at other institutions. It was proposed that changes should be made to both the admission requirements and the degree requirements to ensure clarity and uniformity in the program. Jessica Smith confirmed the importance of editing both the admission and degree requirements together to maintain consistency.

Joe Feliciano moved to table the admission/math requirements until edits are made and a complete application can be resubmitted to council. Sarah Salkil seconded the motion. The motion carried with 16 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

3. The chair invited Twyla Williams-Damond to review the proposed name change of HIED 641 to Contemporary Challenges and Innovation in Higher Education.

Discussion: None

Jacqueline Bluitt moved to approve and Aline Ayala seconded the motion to approve the name change to HIED 641. The motion carried with 19 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

4. The chair invited Sheila Jones to review changes to the MS in Nutrition that have already gone through the Abilene council and now come to Dallas council for approval.

Discussion: None

Kathy Carroll moved to approve and Aline Ayala seconded the motion to approve the changes to the MS in Nutrition. The motion carried with 18 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting will occur on **March 24, 2025** at 3:00pm CST. Submissions for business items due in Council Folder by Monday, March 10th at noon.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the chair at 3:23 pm CST.

APPROVAL

Minutes approved this X day of MONTH, 2025.

Dena Counts, Chair