

**ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY DALLAS
ACADEMIC COUNCIL**

April 28, 2025

3pm CST

<https://blogs.acu.edu/cgpsacademiccouncil/>

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the ACU Dallas Academic Council was called to order at 3:00pm, on April 28, 2025.

OPENING CEREMONIES

The invocation was given by Jackie Bluitt.

ROLL CALL

Members in attendance: Alicia Ramirez, Bill Hunt, Brandon Podgorski, Brandy Chalmers, Darlene Breaux, Deanna Melton-Riddle, Dena Counts, Jackie Bluitt, Joe Feliciano, Jon Wiener, Kathy Carroll, Kipi Fleming, Marica Sotelo, Meghan Hope, Nancy Kucinski, Nannette Glenn, Sandra Cleveland, Sara Salkil, Scott Self, Stephanie Wanamaker.

Members absent: Aline Ayala, Brenda McAdoo, Jenn Gillan, Kristy Williams, Nancy Nucinski, Sheila Jones, Theresa Naldoza, Tiffany Dahlman, Twyla Williams-Damond

Guests present: Jessica Smith, Mark McCallon, and Alison Pirtle

QUORUM

A quorum was present.

MINUTES

The minutes from March 2025 were approved as presented.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. KINO 502 Course Outcome Change

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 Joe Feliciano to share his request to add 1-hour courses to the Certificate of Fundamental System Security (CYBF) and the Certificate of Essential System Forensics and Defense (CYBE)

Discussion: None

Jackie Bluitt moved to approve and Stephanie Wanamaker seconded the motion to approve the addition of 1 hour courses to Certificate of Fundamental System Security (CYBF) and the Certificate of Essential System Forensics and Defense (CYBE). The motion carried with 13 yes and 0 no votes and 2 abstentions.

2. DNP Informatics Track and its accompanying courses have been removed from our council agenda and moved to May per Dr. Cleveland's request.
3. The chair invited Sara Salkil to explain the proposal to close the Certificate in Medical Family Therapy.

Discussion: There are no students currently in the certificate. The certificate has never been used and there are no plans for the certificate to be used in the future.

Darlene Breaux moved to approve and Kipi Fleming seconded the motion to approve the closure of the Certificate in Medical Family Therapy. The motion carried with 13 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

4. The chair invited Sara Salkil to explain the new course proposal for MFTO 647 Spirituality in Marriage and Family Therapy as well as the MFTO 644 course closure.

Discussion: None

Kathy Carroll moved to approve and Brandy Chalmers seconded the motion to approve the new course and course closure for MFTO. The motion carried with 14 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

5. The chair invited Sara Salkil to explain the degree plan edits for several MFTO concentrations:
 - Child and Adolescent Therapy
 - Medical and Family Therapy
 - Therapy with Military Families
 - Treatment of Trauma

- And the General Track concentration degree plan edit.

The first four degree plan edits are all the same, with the removal of MFTO 644 and MFTO 635. The General Track Concentration degree plan edit also removes those two courses while adding a new course, MFTO 647, which makes that section of the degree plan worth 9 hours instead of 6. This results in a change of electives in the General Track concentration to 6 hours from 9 hours.

Discussion: None

Bill Hunt moved to approve and Sandra Cleveland seconded the motion to approve the degree edits as explained on the blog to all 5 degree plans. The motion carried with 13 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

6. The chair invited Brandon Podgorski to explain a new program proposal for a Bachelor of Science in Sports Leadership and Management.

Discussion: none

Deanna Melton-Riddle moved to approve and Sara Salkil seconded the motion to approve the new BS in Sports Leadership and Management. The motion carried with 14 yes and 0 no votes and 1 abstention.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting will occur on **Tuesday, May 27, 2025** at 3:00pm CST. Submissions for business items due in Council Folder by Monday, May 12th at noon.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the chair at 3:27 pm CST.

APPROVAL

Minutes approved this X day of MONTH, 2025.

Dena Counts, Chair