

# ACADEMIC COUNCIL

## Minutes

**February 27, 2020**

**Present:** Charles McAdams, Vicki Bingham, Dave Breaux, Edwin Craft, Emily Dabney, Leslie Griffin, Beverly Moon, Billy Moore, Cetin Oguz, Christy Riddle, Jeff Slagell

**Absent:**

**Guests:** Ellen Green, Chair of Math & Sciences; Gina Jenkins, Chair of Speech & Hearing Sciences; Taylor Skelton, Instructor in Social Work; Richard Tremmel, Interim Director of Delta Music Institute; Chuck Westmoreland, Chair of Social Sciences & History

**Call to order:** A meeting of the Academic Council was held in the Janice Wyatt Conference Room on February 27, 2020. The meeting convened at 8:30 AM with Provost McAdams presiding.

**Announcements:**

Agenda item	Comments/Discussion	Action taken	Responsible party
Approval of Minutes:	February 13, 2020	<b>Approved.</b>	
<b>Informational Item:</b>	Provost McAdams spoke about the email he sent regarding “Instructional Sustainability in Uncertain Times”. All faculty are expected to develop an instructional sustainability plan for all courses. Training will be available to faculty with Kelly Kirkland, Senior Learning Technologist, and with Dr. Gray Kane, Director of the Ford Center for Teaching and Learning. While it is not expected to have to utilize the instructional sustainability plan, it is the University’s responsibility to make plans out of an abundance of caution.		
<b>Action Items:</b>			
Academic Calendar – Changing Final Grades Due Date for Spring 2020	Emily Dabney suggested moving the due date for final grades to Sunday, May 10 <sup>th</sup> at 12 Midnight or the following Monday instead of being due at Sunday, May 10 <sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon. Deans will discuss with department Chairs to see if they have a preference.	<b>Tabled.</b>	Emily Dabney
Template for Self-Studies Submission	Dr. Beverly Moon presented a template for departments to use during self-studies that will help ensure that the same information is reported for each department/division/office.  <b>Motion to accept the template was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</b>  <b>Motion to require all official documentation or communication be forwarded to Institutional Research and Planning within 30 days of receipt was made and seconded. 10-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</b>	<b>Approved.</b>  <b>Beverly Moon will forward the template to department chairs for use.</b>	Beverly Moon
Curriculum/Course	<i>Curriculum/Course Action Requests:</i>		

<p>Action Requests</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Curriculum Action; Revision; BSIS</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Motion to approve dropping the Special Degree requirement of LIB 101 for BSIS was made and seconded. 9-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Curriculum Action; Addition; Creation of a Certificate in Entertainment Industry Studies</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Motion to approve creation of a Certificate in Entertainment Industry Studies was made and seconded. 9-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Curriculum Action; Revision; Bachelor of Applied Science in Geospatial Analysis &amp; Intelligence</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Motion to table the revision to the Bachelor of Applied Science in Geospatial Analysis &amp; Intelligence was made and seconded. 9-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Curriculum Action; Revision; Deletion of MAT 106 Pre-Calculus from the Mathematics Minor</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Motion to approve the deletion of MAT 106 from the Mathematics minor was made and seconded. 9-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Curriculum Action; Revision; Mathematics</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Motion to approve revisions to the Mathematics major was made and seconded. 9-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Curriculum Action; Revision; BS in Environmental Science; Allow BIO 404 Economic Botany to fulfill a botanical elective.</i></li> <li>• <i>Course Action; BIO 404 Botanical Botany</i></li> <li>• <i>Curriculum Action; Revision; Add “Agribusiness” concentration to the BS in Environmental Science</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Motion to approve two revisions the BS in Environmental Science and BIO 404 was made and seconded. 9-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Curriculum Action; Revision to page 34 of the graduate catalog (GIS).</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Tabled.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Course Actions; CRJ 200, 205, 210, 215 (renumbering from 300-level)</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Motion to approve course actions renumbering CRJ courses was made and seconded. 9-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Course Action; Deletion of SOC 435</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Motion to approve deletion of SOC 435 was made and seconded. 9-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</b></p>		
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<b>Discussion:</b>			
<b>Adjourned:</b>	10:43 AM		

<b>Next Meeting:</b>	Thursday, March 12, 2020 @ 8:30 AM		
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