



Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the Minutes from the October 5, 2022 Meeting

TTU Policy 735 Financial Conflict of Interest in Research –

TTU Policy 271 General Graduate Degree Requirements

~~TTU Policy 247 (International Health Insurance)~~

Proposed Activities and Goals Planning Document –

Department of Computer Science Graduate Course Catalog Changes

Department of Curriculum and Instruction Addition of New Concentration – Early Childhood Ed, Integrated Birth-K

Department of Environmental Science Addition of New Concentrations – Biology, Chemistry, Natural Resources (from options)

Department of Environmental Science Addition of New Concentration – Sustainability

Department of Environmental Science Name Change of Existing Concentration – Environmental Leadership, Communication & Policy

Such other Matters

Adjournment

Dr. Lisa Zagumny MOVED approval and Dr. Christy Killman SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

This item was removed from the agenda.

Dr. Jerry Gannod stated the following contains a proposed Activities and Goals Planning Document meant to replace the current Agreement on Responsibilities Planning Document. Some of the key changes proposed are the following: Alignment with the schedule for evaluation and annual activity reporting. Currently, the AOR is used to specify an academic year schedule whereas the annual activity report (AAR) and annual evaluation align on a calendar year. The new Activities and Goals Planning (AGP) form aligns with the other documents on the calendar year.

Dr. William Eberle stated the GRE score is used almost exclusively by the CS department for the verbal and writing scores. The department has decided that if an applicant has graduated from a U.S.-based institution, then the student's verbal skills are probably sufficient. After minimal discussion, Dr. Lisa Zagumny MOVED approval and Dr. Christy Killman SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Dr. Lisa Zagumny stated this new concentration will meet the criteria for Tennessee's new Integrated Birth-K licensure pathway, the program of study will focus primarily on the youngest children ages Birth-K. This undergraduate concentration provides more options for our early childhood education majors who can now choose between concentrations in PreK-3 (licensure), Birth-K (licensure), and Practitioner (non-licensure). After minimal discussion, Dr. Lisa Zagumny MOVED approval and Dr. Darron Smith SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Dr. Steven Sharp stated options do not show up as distinct curricula in Degree Works, nor does the system allow for appropriate specialization to appear on transcripts. Elevating Biology, Chemistry and Natural Resources from options to concentrations will increase the visibility of the curriculum so that it is easily recognizable by prospective students an

discussion, Dr. Lisa Zagumny MOVED approval and Dr. Darron Smith SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Dr. Steven Sharp stated The ESS Society, Culture and Communication Concentration currently has three options available: Communication & Media, Leadership & Environmental Management, and Social Science & Policy. Historically, we have had very few students in any given option, students have often moved from one option to another during their time at TTU, and sometimes couldn't recall the option they were in. We are eliminating the choice of options, but keeping the essential elements of each with a new title that reflects the focal areas: Environmental Leadership, Communication and Policy. After minimal discussion, Dr. Lisa Zagumny MOVED approval and Dr. Darron Smith SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

There were no such other matters

Dr. Lisa Zagumny MOVED approval and Dr. Darron Smith SECONDED. APPROVED unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

APPROVAL February 1, 2023

Amy McCoy, Recorder

Documents on file with the minutes:  
All documents presented at the meeting