

Academic Council Report Spring 2020

During the Spring 2020 semester, the Academic Council met three times, February 5, 2020; March 25, 2020; and April 15, 2020.

February 5

1. Changed the Admission requirements for the Master of Professional Studies. These changes will align the degree program with other TTU graduate programs, address the needs of international students, and create flexibility.
2. Approved a new minor in the Department of Communication; Event Planning, Promotion and Management
3. Information item: Revision of the Academic Council bylaws

March 25 (This meeting was originally scheduled for March 11, but due to the ravages of the March 3 tornado and COVID-19, the date was changed.)

1. Approved a Dual-Studio Concentration and a Studio Art Minor in the School of Art, Craft & Design
2. Approved changing the name of the Music Minor to the Music History Minor and the creation of three new minors: Music Performance, Music Technology, Music Theory and Composition
3. Added a fast-track option for MAcc students
4. Removed the requirement of a letter of recommendation from the Master of Accountancy application
5. Approved an Accounting Minor in the Department of Accounting
6. From the Department of Curriculum & Instruction: Approved a graduate level certificate and licensure endorsement for computer science; an Applied Behavior Analysis Concentration at the Ed.S. level; a Comprehensive/Interventionist Concentration; and a Computer Science Education Concentration
7. Approved a Human Behavior Data Analytics Certificate in the Department of Counseling and Psychology
8. From the School of Human Ecology: Approved a Family Sciences Minor and a Child and Family Trauma Informed Care Certificate
9. Approved termination of the Software and Scientific Applications Concentration in the Department of Computer Science
10. Approved revisions in the Admissions and Credits Committee Procedures
11. Approved revisions in the University Research Advisory Committee Procedures

April 15

1. Approved annual reports from the committees that report to the Academic Council

2. Approved new minors in Curriculum and Instruction
3. Approved two new concentrations in EXPW: Physical Education Practitioner and Exercise Physiology
4. Approved a concentration name change in Counseling and Psychology from Educational Psychology to Psychology
5. Approved four new concentrations in the Department of Biology and the deletion of one concentration, the Biology Concentration
6. Approved changes in requirements for admission to the MS in Biology and changed the recommended date for applications for teaching assistantships to April 1
7. Approved the creation of the Honors Minor
8. Approved revisions in the Basic Business curriculum to reduce the Basic Business major from 60 to 30 credit hours
9. Approved the elevation of the Business Information and Technology concentration to a major
10. Approved changes in the undergraduate Economics program, including a name change from the BSBA in Economics to BS in Economics
11. Approved teach-outs for various concentrations in the MBA that are being phased out
12. Approved a fast-track program for undergraduates in the MPS concentrations that will allow them to enroll in up to six hours of graduate courses prior to formal admission to the MPS (Master's of Professional Studies)
13. Approved two new concentrations in the Professional Studies master's degree, one in Corporate Communication and the other in Media and Strategic Communication
14. Approved the suspension of the Professional Science master's degree in Manufacturing Sustainability
15. Approved changes in the graduate degree requirements for an MS in Computer Science
16. Approved changes in Policy 102 University Committees III.H.A.2.b.i. that increases the total number of voting members on the Academic Council to 38 (26 faculty, 8 administrators, and 4 students) and III.H.A.3.b.i that increases the number of voting members on the Administrative Council to 45 (26 faculty, 11 administrators, 4 clerical/support staff, and 4 students). Some of these changes were made to reflect the creation of a new college (the College of Fine Arts) and the growth in the College of Interdisciplinary Studies. Other changes establish that there should be two representatives from Nursing and two from the Library on each council.
17. Approved changes in Academic Council procedures to reflect the changes in Policy 102 and to explain the voting process for members at large.
18. Approved a Tenure Cover Sheet and a Tenure Progress Narrative
19. Choose Dr. Lori Maxwell to serve as chair of the Academic Council 2020-2021