

University of North Texas at Dallas
Academic Council Minutes

March 25, 2025, 3:00PM

FH-306

Interim Provost Dr. Christopher Markwood presiding.

Voting Members

Dr. Mario Casa de Calvo, *Interim Dean, School of LAS*

Dr. Jason Garrett, *Dean, School of Business*

Dr. Constance Lacy, *Dean, School of Human Services*

Dr. Patrick Valdez, *Dean, School of Education*

Dr. Ali Shaqlaih, *Associate Provost*

Dr. Janiece Upshaw, *Faculty Senate Vice President (absent)*

Dr. Felecia Epps, J.D., *Dean, College of Law (absent)*

Alexandria Renteria Maldonado, *SGA President*

Taj Cobbs, *Director of Academic Advising (absent)*

Brenda Robertson, *University Librarian*

Non-Voting Members

Dr. Christopher Markwood, *Interim Provost & EVP*

Dr. Sara Baber, *Director of Distance Learning*

Dr. Cathy Scott, *School of Business*

Jamie Lee, *University Registrar (absent)*

Dr. Dawn Sales, *Assistant Provost*

Luis Franco, *Executive Director of Undergraduate Admissions*

Dr. Kimberly Chandler, *Associate Vice President, Strategy and Effectiveness*

Jill da Silva, *Budget Office/Staff Council Representative (absent)*

Guest in Attendance

Registrar Representatives

Angie Cook, *Trail Ready Summer Bridge*

Cynthia Rodriguez, *School of Education*

Administrative Support

Rachelle Hutchinson

LaShonda Green

Deborah Matassa

1. Call To Order – 3:02PM

2. Welcome and Introductions - Interim Provost Dr. Markwood introduced voting members

3. Old Business

None

4. New Business

a. Approval of minutes – February 25, 2025

All in favor and none opposed. Motion passed with seven of ten voting. (closed)

b. Policy Revision - Limitation on Course Drops - Catalog (see attached document - Proposed-Catalog-Revision_6-drop-limit_2025-03-05.pdf

Additional information: The State of Texas has legislated that students can drop no more than six courses over the span of their undergraduate career. If a student hits the limit, then they will the earn the grade that they earn. They can apply for appeals in this case. The appeal is based on different factors such as debilitating illness, caring for a sick, injured, dependent person, death of a family member, and other extraordinary circumstances. If the student utilizes this appeal, then they must withdraw from all the courses in the semester, and will lose all their credits.

Texas Education code: 51.907

Dual Credit courses are exempt, development education courses are excluded from the limit. Students must provide clear documentation. Registration office has created a form link for appeals.

All in favor and none opposed. Motion passed with seven of ten voting. (closed)

c. Graduate School Preparation - Masters of Management (see attached document)

Additional information: The School of Business will be testing out grad prep with the Masters of Management. Based on the student's GPA it will determine how many undergraduate classes they will have to take to prepare for the Graduate School and they must receive a B or better.

All in favor and none opposed. Motion passed with seven of ten voting. (closed)

5. Proposal Sets

None to review

6. Course Proposals

a. Business - New Course - DSCI 5370 - Special Topics in AI and DA (see proposal in the Coursedog)

b. Business - New Course - DSCI 5360 - Data Visualization & Interpretation (see proposal in the Coursedog)

c. Business - New Course -DSCI 5350 - Applied Machine Language in DS (see proposal in the Coursedog)

d. Business – New Course – DSCI 5340 – Data Acquisition & Analysis

Additional information: The School of Business are proposing DSCI courses that relates to a concentration in Analytics in the Graduate School program.

All in favor and none opposed. Motion passed with seven of ten voting. (closed)

e. Business - New Course - MGMT 5340 - Professional Ethics and Corporate Governance (see proposal in the Coursedog)

Additional information: This course is currently being offered as ACCT 5200 (Texas State board of Public Accounting), requesting to change course number to MGMT 5340 (Professional Ethics) to eliminate confusion of whether students are taking the correct ethics course. This change is being proposed because ACCT 5200 is a TSBPA-approved ethics course at UNT, and this causes confusion for students taking this course since it is not an approved TSBPA ethics course at UNTD.

All in favor and none opposed. Motion passed with seven of ten voting. (closed)

f. SOE - Edit Course - EDUC 4200 - Clinical Teaching (see proposal in the Coursedog)

Additional information: Name change: allows to count the field experience as it's a requirement from TEA

g. SOE - Edit Course - EDRE 3350 - Reading & Writing Birth - GR 6 (see proposal in the Coursedog)

h. SOE - Edit Course - EDRE 3360 - Assessment of Reading (see proposal in the Coursedog)

All in favor and none opposed. Motion passed with seven of ten voting. (closed)

i. LAS - Edit Course - COMM 3351 - Nonverbal Communication (see proposal in the Coursedog)

Additional information: Editing the course number to reflect UNTD course number in the system. Updating the prerequisites to reflect courses being offered. Updating the course descriptions to reflect when the courses are being offered.

j. LAS - Edit Course - UGRW 1200 - Dev Ed Reading & Writing Tutorial

Additional information: Editing keywords to reflect the nature of the course for clarification purposes. This course is a writing workshop for students.

All in favor and none opposed. Motion passed with seven of ten voting. (closed)

7. Program Proposals

a. Business - Edit Program - DBUSI-MBA - Masters in Business Administration (see proposal in the Coursedog)

All in favor and none opposed. Motion passed with seven of ten voting. (closed)

b. SOE - Edit Program - DZTC-KGVL - EC-6 Bilingual/ESL, BS (see proposal in the Coursedog)

Additional information: Edit will reflect the alignment with the bilingual course sequences. Edit the answer for “Will this program lead to professional licensure?” Change to yes.

All in favor and none opposed. Motion passed with seven of ten voting. (closed)

c. LAS - New Program - Graduate certificate in Public Management - Non-degree seeking (see proposal in the Coursedog)

Additional information: This program is a 12-hr certificate. No new courses are being proposed. The job market for expertise in public management is robust. Supported by the SERCH Institute in terms of co-curricular to help students in the program. Non-degree seeking. Dr. Kim Chandler will check to see if it needs board approval.

All in favor and none opposed. Motion passed with seven of ten voting. (closed)

8. Announcements

Invitation to Academic Council

Dr. Garrett – Gold Chair event Quincy Roberts as special guest

9. Adjournment: 3:43PM