

University of North Texas at Dallas

Academic Council Minutes

April 26, 2022, 3:00pm

Voting Members

Dr. Karen Shumway, *Dean, School of Business*
Dr. Constance Lacy, *Dean, School of Human Services*
Dr. Orlando Perez, *Dean, School of Liberal Arts & Sciences*
Dr. Ali Shaqlaih, *Dean, Graduate School*
Dr. Christine Remley, *Dean, School of Education*
Felecia Epps, J.D., *Dean, College of Law*
Dr. Walt Borges, *Faculty Senate Vice President*
Rian Wilhite, *Director, Academic Advising*
Brenda Robertson, *University Librarian*
Twasanna Lewis, *SGA Vice-President Designee*

Non-Voting Members

Dr. Betty H. Stewart, *Provost and EVP for Academic Affairs*
Luis Franco, *University Director of Undergraduate Admissions*
Dr. Dawn Remmers, *Assistant Provost*
Dr. Kimberly Chandler, *Director of University Accreditation & Policy*
Allison Scott, *Staff Council Representative*
Garrick Hildebrand, *Director of Financial Aid*
Dr. Georgianna Laws, *Director of Distance Learning*
Hector Govea, *University Registrar*

Other Invitees

Dr. Richard Chandler, *Assistant Professor, School of Liberal Arts & Sciences*
Dr. Sheila Lumar, *Lecturer, School of Behavioral Health and Human Services*

- I. Call to Order
- II. Welcome and Introductions – Dr. Remmers introduced our new UNTD Registrar, Hector Govea.
- III. Old Business

With there being no Old Business to discuss, the Council moved on to New Business.

- IV. New Business

- A. Approval of minutes – March 22, 2022

Dean Lacy made a motion to approve the March 2022 minutes. Dean Shumway moved to second it. All in favor and none opposed. Motion passed with ten of ten voting. (closed)

- B. Course Change Request (*School of Liberal Arts & Sciences*)

MATH 1100 (Algebra)
Effective: AY 2022-2023
Change: Long Title

Additional Information: Students outside of STEM are encouraged to take MATH 1580, 1680, 1324 or 1354, as appropriate. This change would be so that students are more aware of the intended audience for the course and are more informed of its technicality when choosing their math course.

New long title: Algebra for STEM majors

Dean Perez made a motion to approve the course change request. Dr. Borges moved to second it. All in favor and none opposed. Motion passed with ten of ten voting. (closed)

- C. New Program Request (*School of Behavioral Health and Human Services*)

Mediation Certificate
Effective: AY 2022-2023
Department: Human Services Management and Leadership
Number of credit hours: 15

Additional Information: The stand-alone Mediation certificate program entails students completing 15 hours of mediation-related courses. All mediation courses are offered over 8-week semesters, except for the mediation practicum, which is offered during a 10-week semester during the summer semester only. Students must earn at least a C or better within each course to receive the certificate. Additional requirements must be met to obtain professional credentialing.

Dean Lacy made a motion to approve the new program request. Dean Perez moved to second it. All in favor and none opposed. Motion passed with ten of ten voting. (closed)

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New items are emboldened and underlined
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D. New Course Requests (*College of Law*)

Health Care Law

New Course Addition, effective Fall 2022

Department: College of Law

Number of credit hours: 2-3

Additional information: The 2-credit course covers pandemics and public health; medical malpractice by physicians; health care institutions; liability for physicians; malpractice and their own liability; physician-hospital relationships related to credentialing; waste, fraud, and abuse; and life and death decision making.

A 3-credit course would provide additional coverage of the physician-hospital relationship including physician non-competes; more on hospitals, including tax issues; more on licensing and credentialing (by state agencies, for example), and perhaps ERISA. A 3-credit course might also add coverage of drug and device regulation.

First Amendment

New Course Addition, effective Spring 2023

Department: College of Law

Number of credit hours: 2-3

Additional information: The 2-credit course focuses primarily on the speech clause, but also includes some coverage of the religion and other clauses of the first amendment. A 3-credit course would add depth and breadth of coverage, including more in-depth coverage of the religion clauses, some additional depth on speech concepts, and potential additional coverage of the press and assembly clauses of the first amendment.

Federal Income Tax

New Course Addition, effective Fall 2022

Department: College of Law

Number of credit hours: 2-3

Additional information: The 3 credit Income Tax will include coverage of a broader range of topics. For example, tax research, notice deadlines and statutes of limitations, and procedural rules would be covered that are not covered in the 2-credit course. Also, existing topics would be covered in more depth, exploring nuances and exceptions to the general rule's students learn. This change would also bring us more in line with other law schools, which devote at least three, and at some schools four, credit hours to this course.

Deposition Law, Strategies and Techniques

New Course Addition, effective Fall 2022

Department: College of Law

Number of credit hours: 2

Additional information: The purpose of this course is to familiarize students with the federal and states rules/law of depositions. In addition to lectures, the course also includes nine simulations in which students depose a witness (people we have recruited and whom we train to be a witness). The course is based on materials from the National Institute for Trial Advocacy. Feedback is given at the time of the deposing. The goal is to equip students with a toolbelt of techniques and strategies for when they will be deposing or assisting in deposing.

Consumer Law

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New Course Addition, effective Fall 2022

Department: College of Law

Number of credit hours: 2-3

Additional information: Coverage includes: an overview of Consumer Law, which includes its origins and the types of law that apply to consumer issues; Consumer-meets-Business issues, which include Solicitation, Advertising and Credit Reporting and Discrimination issues; Terms and Financing issues, including unfair/deceptive practices, warranties, usury, home purchases/mortgages, credit card and automobile transactions, student loans, payday loans and banking/online transactions; and iv) Enforcement issues, including debtor rights, creditor rights and ADA.

Advanced Torts

New Course Addition, effective Fall 2023

Department: College of Law

Number of credit hours: 2-3

Additional information: Coverage includes: Vicarious Liability; Professional Malpractice and Breach of Fiduciary Duty; Dignitary Torts (defamation, invasion of privacy, misuse of the legal process); Business Torts (fraudulent/negligent misrepresentation, deceptive/unfair practices interference with contract); and an overview of Products Liability and how it is tested on the bar exam. The 2-credit offering will devote less coverage to professional malpractice and business torts that are not generally tested on the bar exam.

Dean Epps made a motion to approve the new program requests. Dr. Borges moved to second it. All in favor and none opposed. Motion passed with ten of ten voting. (closed)

V. Adjourned at 3:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted April 27, 2022

Laila Mertz

Executive Assistant to Provost and EVP of Academic Affairs

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