

University of North Texas at Dallas

Academic Council Minutes

September 28, 2023

Voting Members

Dr. Mario Casa de Calvo, *Interim Dean, School of Liberal Arts & Sciences*
Dr. Richard Chandler, *Faculty Senate Vice President*
Dr. Taj Cobbs, *Assistant Director, Academic Advising*
Krystal Deckard, *SGA Vice President*
Felecia Epps, J.D., *Dean, College of Law*
Dr. Jason Garrett, *Dean, School of Business*
Dr. Constance Lacy, *Dean, School of Human Services*
Dr. Christine Remley, *Dean, School of Education*
Brenda Robertson, *University Librarian*
Dr. Ali Shaqlaih, *Dean, Graduate School*

Non-Voting Members

Dr. Sara Baber, *Director of Distance Learning*
Dr. Kimberly Chandler, *Associate Vice President, Strategy and Effectiveness*
Jill da Silva, *Staff Council Representative*
Luis Franco, *University Director of Undergraduate Admissions*
Garrick Hildebrand, *Director of Financial Aid*
Jamie Lee, *University Registrar*
Dr. Dawn Sales, *Assistant Provost*
Dr. Betty H. Stewart, *Provost and EVP for Academic Affairs*

Other Invitees

Dr. Sabrina Hodge, *Executive Director, Trailblazer Elite Program*
Ms. Katrina Cornish, *Academic Scheduling Coordinator*
Dr. Walt Borges, *Associate Professor, School of Liberal Arts and Sciences*

- I. Call to Order
- II. Welcome and Introductions
- 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 – May 23, 2023

Dean Remley made a motion to approve the May 2023 minutes. Dean Lacy moved to second it. All in favor and none opposed. Motion passed with ten of ten voting. (closed)

- B. Trail Blazer Elite Priority Registration Request (*Dr. Sabrina Hodge*) – See Appendix I

Dean Lacy made a motion to approve the request. Dean Remley moved to second it. After a discussion amongst the Council, Dr. Hodge withdrew her request. Accommodations for Trail Blazer Elite students were made with Academic Advising. (closed)

- C. Course Change Request (*School of Liberal Arts and Sciences*)

PSCI 3100 (Topics in American Government)

Change effective: AY 2023-24

Change: Long Title and Short Title

Additional information: Political Science is requesting single topics designation for all concentrations and sub-areas. The old title, Topics in American Government, is not appropriate for Topics courses in Political Behavior, Public Law and Public Policy, International Relations and Comparative Government, which are the other concentrations in Political Science. The new title, Topics in Political Science, will cover all concentrations.

New Long Title: Topics in Political Science

New Short Title: Topics Poli Sci

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

V. Adjourned at 3:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted October 2, 2023

Laila Mertz

Executive Assistant to Provost and EVP of Academic Affairs