

5-1-25 Instruction Council Highlights

1. Bachelor of University Studies Proposal – Chris Francisco

Leslie Evans chaired a working group to review the requirements for the Bachelor of University Studies degree. The working group proposed three recommendations: 1) Total number of credit hours should not exceed 120 hours, 2) Students should complete a minimum of 18 credit hours in the granting/home college, and 3) the 30-hour residency requirement will be counted outside the major requirements.

Associate Deans will still have the autonomy to review a student's rationale and determine if they are a good fit for a degree within that college. Academic advisors will need to review a student's residency hours to ensure they meet the residency requirements.

2. Curriculum

All course actions, with the exception of SOC 5000 and SOC 6000, were approved.

The Bachelor of Arts in Geography, Bachelor of Science in Geography, and Minor in Geography were tentatively approved, pending the approval of the Master of Geography and Doctor of Philosophy in Geography. All program modifications, with the exception of the Bachelor of Science in Plant Biology, the Undergraduate Certificate in Financial Planning, and the Master of Science in Environmental Science, were approved.

3. Other

Chris Francisco reported that the first six general education certificates (trails) were approved by the A&M Board. The certificates will be submitted to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education for final approval for implementation in fall 2025.

Chris Francisco will convene a small working group over the summer to develop a system to track student complaints. An annual meeting will be held to review complaints received and determine next steps in addressing complaints. This is an HLC requirement.