

Undergraduate Committee Meeting

Consent / Voting Agenda

AY 2023-2024

9:00 am – 11:00 am



CONSENT AGENDA – October 20, 2023

Consent Agenda

Motion to Approve: Jennifer Welbourne

Second: Marcela Hebbard

Motion passes

Instructions for the Undergraduate Committee:

1. Review all course and program proposals.
2. If you would like to see any proposal moved to the standard meeting agenda for discussion, please respond to the post on **Teams by noon, October 19th**. Any item with at least a single committee member's request to move to the full agenda for discussion will be moved.
3. To approve all or remaining items on the consent agenda, a call for a motion to approve the consent agenda will be sent by the Undergraduate Committee Chair or by the Ex-Officio at approximately 1 p.m. on October 19th. An initial motion followed by a second will be sufficient to approve all or remaining items (if requests were received to move an item to the full agenda) on the consent agenda.

a) College of Education and P-16 Integration

i) Department of Human Development and School Services

(1) Delete Course

Name	Type	Comments	Effective Catalog Year
ECEC 2301 Foundations of Early Care & Development	Delete Course	This course has been untaught and will be deleted. This course is a Prescribed Elective in the BA Medical and Health Humanities program of study.	AY24-25
ECEC 2309 Family Care & Education in the Community	Delete Course	This course has been untaught and will be deleted. This course is a Prescribed Elective in the BA Medical and Health Humanities program of study.	AY24-25
ECEC 3303 Early Literacy Development During Early childhood	Delete Course	This course has been untaught and will be deleted. It is not on a program of study.	AY24-25
ECEC 3304 Science Curriculum for Young Children	Delete Course	This course has been untaught and will be deleted.	AY24-25

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ECEC 3305 Role of Play in Early Care & Early Education	Delete Course	This course has been untaught and will be deleted.	AY24-25
ECEC 3308 Quality & Developmentally appropriate Environments for Children Ages 0-5	Delete Course	This course has been untaught and will be deleted.	AY24-25
ECEC 4306 Aesthetic Development in Early Care & Early Education	Delete Course	This course has been untaught and will be deleted.	AY24-25
ECEC 4311 Observing, Assessing and Guiding Behavior of Young Children	Delete Course	This course has been untaught and will be deleted.	AY24-25

b) College of Sciences

i) School of Earth, Environmental and Marine Science

(1) New Course

Name	Type	Comments	Effective Catalog Year
ENVR 3302 Environmental Ethics	New Course	Previous untaught course that was removed. Will be reinstated for Spring 2024 .	Spring 2024

c) Non-Voting Items

i) Administrative Changes

Name	Change	Comments
BA Dance (Teacher Certification)	Correction to the area of Dance Certification on the degree plan.	The area of Certification was corrected from 7-12 to 6-12 for all catalog years.
CIVE 4335	Update to the prerequisite narrative.	Due to the course deletion of MECE 2350, the Civil Engineering department created an equivalent course, CIVE 2350 for AY 23-24. CIVE 2350 should have previously been added as a prerequisite to CIVE 4335. It has been updated.
Department of Biology	New department of School Integrative Biological and Chemical Sciences.	The department of Biology and Chemistry have merged into one new department.
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KINE Courses	CIP codes updated.	The Exercise Science and Kinesiology programs were added to the SEVIS STEM program list and the CIP codes were updated.
MUEN 3154	Update to the prerequisite narrative.	The course prerequisite (MUEN 2174) was incorrect and updated to (MUEN 2184) to allow students to register for the course.
TCCNS Table	TCCNS numbers updated.	The TCCNS table was reviewed and updated.

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2) Chairs Call to Order

3) Roll Call

College	Member	Term Date
Business and Entrepreneurship	Jennifer Welbourne	8/31/2025
Education and P-16 Integration	Miryam Espinoza-Dulanto	8/31/2026
Engineering and Computer Science	VACANT	VACANT
Fine Arts	Robert Gilbert	8/31/2024
Health Professions	Fidencio Mercado	8/31/2024
Liberal Arts	Marcela Hebbard	8/31/2025
School of Nursing	Dalia Paul	8/31/2025
School of Social Work	Noelia Alonzo	8/31/2025
Sciences	Tatiana Altecó	8/31/2025
University College	Marilyn Hagerty	8/31/2024
University Library	Justin White	8/31/2024
Ex-Officio	Laura M. Saenz	Term does not end

4) Undergraduate College Welcome – Dr. Laura Saenz

5) Nomination and Election of Chair and Vice Chair

6) Old Business: Approval of Minutes from April 14, 2023, meeting
Please respond via Teams regarding any revisions needed to the minutes.

7) New Business: Review of Submissions

a) Approval of Consent Agenda

b) College of Liberal Arts

i) Department of History – **Presenter: David Fisher**

(1) New Course

Name	Type	Comments	Effective Catalog Year
HIST 3352 Race, Ethnicity, and Religion in Medieval Europe	New Course	New Prescribed Elective course offered in the History and Social Studies Composite degree plans. Was previously a Special Topics course.	AY24-25
HIST 3379 History of South Asia to 1947	New Course	New Prescribed Elective course offered in the History and Social Studies Composite degree plans.	AY24-25

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(2) Change Course

Name	Type	Comments	Effective Catalog Year
HIST 4399 Senior Research Seminar	Change Course	Change includes an update to the prerequisite narrative to include 15 advanced HIST hours: 6 advanced at the 4000 level hours and 9 advanced at the 3000 and/or 4000 level.	AY24-25

(3) Change Program

Name	Type	Comments	Effective Catalog Year
History (Minor Required), Bachelor of Arts	Change Program	Change includes the addition of new courses HIST 3352 to the Prescribed Electives - European History group and HIST 3379 to the Asian/Middle Eastern History group.	AY24-25
History (Teacher Certification), Bachelor of Arts	Change Program	Change includes the addition of new courses HIST 3352 to the Prescribed Electives - European History group and HIST 3379 to the Asian/Middle Eastern History group.	AY24-25
Social Studies Composite, Bachelor of Arts	Change Program	Change includes the addition of new courses HIST 3352 to the Prescribed Electives - European History group and HIST 3379 to the World/Asian/Middle Eastern History group.	AY24-25
Social Studies Composite (Teacher Certification), Bachelor of Arts	Change Program	Change includes the addition of new courses HIST 3352 to the Prescribed Electives - European History group and HIST 3379 to the World/Asian/Middle Eastern History group.	AY24-25

ii) Department of Literature and Cultural Studies – **Presenter: Jean Braithwaite**

(1) Change Program

Name	Type	Comments	Effective Catalog Year
English (Creative Writing), Bachelor of Arts	Change Program	Change includes the addition of existing course ENGL 3353 to the Creative Writing Concentration - Advanced Creative Writing Electives group that was inadvertently left off the program of study. Implementation date: Spring 2024	Spring 2024

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iii) Department of Sociology – **Presenter: William Donner**

(1) Change Program

Name	Type	Comments	Effective Catalog Year
Sociology, Bachelor of Arts	Change Program	Change includes the addition of the existing course SOCI 3310 as an elective in the Prescribed Electives group.	AY24-25

c) College of Sciences

i) Department of Integrative Biological and Chemical Sciences – **Presenter: Kathryn Perez**

(1) New Course

Name	Type	Comments	Effective Catalog Year
BIOL 3201 Techniques in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Laboratory	New Course	New course that will replace BIOL 3409 in the Required Biology Foundation area of the new BS Biology major. An MDA will be created to allow BIOL 3409 to substitute for BIOL 3201 for students who move to the 24-25 catalog year and another to allow students on the 23-24 catalog and prior to use BIOL 3201 to substitute for BIOL 3409. The MDA is for Biology majors only.	AY24-25
BIOL 3215 Cellular, Molecular, and Genetics Lab	New Course	New course in the Biology Foundation group of the new BS Biology major. An MDA will be created to allow BIOL 4400 to substitute for BIOL 3215 for students who move to the 24-25 catalog year and another to allow students on the 23-24 catalog and prior to use BIOL 3215 to substitute for BIOL 4400.	AY24-25
BIOL 3230 Biology Data Analysis and Informatics	New Course	New course in the Required Biology Foundation group of the new BS Biology major.	AY24-25
BIOL 3313 Genetics	New Course	New course that will replace BIOL 3413 in the Required Biology Foundation group of the new BS Biology major. BIOL 3313 will have an equivalency to BIOL 3413 in Banner.	AY24-25
BIOL 3315 Cell and Molecular Biology	New Course	New course that will replace BIOL 3412 in the Required Biology Foundation group of the new BS Biology major. BIOL 3315 will have an equivalency to BIOL 3412 in Banner.	AY24-25

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BIOL 3325 Integrative Physiology	New Course	New course option in the Required Biology Foundation group of the new BS Biology major.	AY24-25
BIOL 4340 Astrobiology	New Course	New course option in the Biological Science Electives group of the new BS Biology major.	AY24-25
BIOL 4435 Mammalian Disease Diagnosis and Clinical Applications	New Course	New course option in the Biological Science Electives group of the new BS Biology major.	AY24-25

(2) Change Course

Name	Type	Comments	Effective Catalog Year
BIOL 3301 Ecology & Evolution	Change Course	Changes include update to the long and short titles, course description and the removal of "Consent of Instructor" to the prerequisite narrative.	AY24-25
BIOL 3404 Conservation Biology	Change Course	Changes include the addition of BIOL 3301 to the prerequisite narrative as a recommended course and the removal of the deleted BIOL 3409 course. BIOL 1406 and BIOL 1407 will remain as prerequisites.	AY24-25
BIOL 3407 Comparative Embryology	Change Course	Changes include the addition of BIOL 1406 and BIOL 1407 as required prerequisites; clarification of BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402 or BIOL 2428 as a required prerequisite; and the addition of BIOL 3313 (new course) as a recommended prerequisite. Recommendations are not enforced in Banner but are included in the course description.	AY24-25
BIOL 4317 Disease Epidemiology	Change Course	Changes include the addition of the new BIOL 3301 to the prerequisite narrative as a recommended course.	AY24-25
BIOL 4330 Molecular Evolution	Change Course	Changes include the addition of the new BIOL 3313 to the prerequisite narrative.	AY24-25
BIOL 4333 Immunology	Change Course	Changes include the addition of the new BIOL 3313 and BIOL 3315 to the prerequisite narrative.	AY24-25
BIOL 4388 Global Change Ecology	Change Course	Changes include the addition of the new BIOL 3301 to the prerequisite narrative.	AY24-25
BIOL 4423 Wildlife Ecology and Management	Change Course	Changes include the addition of the new BIOL 3301 to the prerequisite narrative.	AY24-25
BIOL 4426 Marine Ecology	Change Course	Changes include the addition of the new BIOL 3301 to the prerequisite narrative.	AY24-25

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BIOL 4428 Medical Genomics	Change Course	Changes include the addition of the new BIOL 3313 to the prerequisite narrative.	AY24-25
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(3) Delete Course

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BIOL 3310 Neurobiology	Delete Course	This course has been untaught and will be deleted.	AY24-25
BIOL 3403 Medical Microbiology and Immunology	Delete Course	This course has been untaught and will be deleted.	AY24-25
BIOL 3412 Cell Biology	Delete Course	This course will be deleted and replaced with BIOL 3315.	AY24-25
BIOL 3413 Genetics	Delete Course	This course will be deleted and replaced with BIOL 3313.	AY24-25
BIOL 3415 Molecular Biology	Delete Course	This course will be deleted and is not on any degree plans.	AY24-25
BIOL 4318 Ethnobotany	Delete Course	This course has been untaught and will be deleted.	AY24-25
BIOL 4400 Biological Communication (Capstone)	Delete Course	This course will be deleted. An MDA will be created to allow BIOL 4400 to substitute for BIOL 3215 for students who move to the 24-25 catalog year and another to allow students on the 23-24 catalog and prior to use BIOL 3215 to substitute for BIOL 4400.	AY24-25

(4) New Program

Name	Type	Comments	Effective Catalog Year
Biology, Bachelor of Science	New Program	New program that will replace the BS Biology (Biological Science) and BS Biology (Minor Required) degree plans.	AY24-25

(5) Delete Program

Name	Type	Comments	Effective Catalog Year
Biology (Biological Science), Bachelor of Science	Delete Program	This program will be deleted and replaced with the new BS Biology.	AY24-25
Biology (Minor Required), Bachelor of Science	Delete Program	This program will be deleted and replaced with the new BS Biology.	AY24-25

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d) **Policy Updates - Laura Saenz**

(1) **Bachelors Degree Program Regulations**

Policy	Current Policy	Updated Policy
<p><u>Transfer of Credit for Second Degree-Seeking Students</u></p>	<p><i>Transfer of Credit for Students with Previous Credit from External Institutions</i></p> <p>Second-degree seeking students with a bachelor’s degree or prior credits from another Texas institution of higher education, out-of-state institution, or private institution must submit official transcripts from each institution of higher education from which they would like to utilize credit toward the second degree at UTRGV; however, the Office of Undergraduate Admissions will not automatically evaluate and post the transfer credit. For an evaluation of credits applicable towards the second degree, students should meet with an appropriate university personnel who will work directly with the major department, school, or program to determine how/whether coursework and credit from the first degree applies to their second degree.</p> <p>Transfer of Credit After Admission as a Second-Degree Seeking Student: All coursework completed after admission and enrollment at UTRGV as a second-degree seeking student must be taken in residence at UTRGV to be applicable to the second degree.</p>	<p><i>Transfer of Credit for Students with Previous Credit from External Institutions</i></p> <p>Second-degree seeking students with a bachelor’s degree or prior credits from another Texas institution of higher education, out-of-state institution, or private institution must submit official transcripts from each institution of higher education from which they would like to utilize credit toward the second degree at UTRGV; however, the Office of Undergraduate Admissions will not automatically evaluate and post the transfer credit. For an evaluation of credits applicable towards the second degree, students should meet with an appropriate university personnel who will work directly with the major department, school, or program to determine how/whether coursework and credit from the first degree applies to their second degree.</p> <p>Transfer of Credit After Admission as a Second-Degree Seeking Student: All advanced coursework completed after admission and enrollment at UTRGV as a second-degree seeking student must be taken in residence at UTRGV to be applicable to the second degree.</p>
<p><u>Minimum Degree Requirements</u></p>	<p>15. Non-Traditional Credit: A maximum of 45 hours of college credit will be accepted toward a bachelor’s degree by any combination of extension, examination, or correspondence, with an 18-hour limit on correspondence credit. No credit will be awarded for “life experience.”</p>	<p>15. Non-Traditional Credit: A maximum of 30 hours of college credit will be accepted toward a bachelor’s degree by any combination of extension, examination, or correspondence, with an 18-hour limit on correspondence credit. No credit will be awarded for “life experience.”</p>

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9) Announcements – Laura Saenz, Ex-Officio

a) Next Meeting – November 17th

10) Adjournment