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April 7th, 2023

1) **Chairs Call to Order**
2) **Roll Call**

Members:	College:	Present/Absent
Wanrong Hou	Business and Entrepreneurship	Present
Dumitru Caruntu	Engineering and Computer Science	Present
Michelle Abrego	Education and P-16 Integration	Present
George Amorin	Fine Arts	Present
Lisa Salinas	Health Professions	Present
Rebecca Hernandez	School of Nursing	Present
Kimberly Selber	Liberal Arts, Vice Chair	Present
Wei Lin	College of Science	Present
Candace Robledo	School of Medicine	Absent
Denise Longoria	School of Social Work	Present
Charles Rousch	University Library, Chair	Present
Can (John) Saygin	Graduate College, Ex Officio	Present
Laura Saenz	Curriculum & Institutional Assessment Office, Ex Officio	Present

3) **Old Business: Review of Minutes from March 3rd, 2023, meeting (Please respond via Teams regarding any revisions needed to the minutes. If no revisions are requested, then the minutes will be accepted through consent.)**
4) **New Business: Review of Submissions**

a) **College of Science**
   i. **Department of Physics and Astronomy**
      1) **Delete Program, New Program – Edgar Corpuz**

Name	Type	Comment	Effective Year
Interdisciplinary Studies with a Concentration in Science and	Delete Program	With the update approved in February to clarify what courses can be taken as required, OCIA has recommended to change the concentration name to Physics. With this	AY 23 - 24

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Name	Type	Comment	Effective Year
Technology (MSIS)		name change, it requires a delete and new program form.	
Interdisciplinary Studies with a Concentration in Physics (MSIS)	New Program	Changes not approved in February: The concentration name is change from Science and Technology to Physics. Both Non-thesis and Thesis tracks will have 18 hours of required PHYS courses. For the Thesis Option, electives is now at 6 hours. Please see February's agenda to see the approval of the degree program hour reduction to 30 hours and course option changes. The committee approved the MAIS/MSIS institutional policy to expand how courses can be offered in the electives section of these programs. Hence why we are updating this program.	AY 23 - 24

Motion to approve change: Dumitru Caruntu
Second: Michelle Abrego
Motion Passes
Notes

b) **College of Liberal Arts**
   i. **School of Interdisciplinary Programs and Community Engagement**
      i. **Change Program – Stephanie Alvarez**

Name	Type	Comment	Effective Year
Interdisciplinary Studies with a Concentration in Mexican American Studies (MAIS)	Change Program	There is an update to the "Overview" in the content at the top of the catalog page. The 18 required hours has been updated to include the MASC course options for students, with two courses being required – MASC 6300 and MASC 6330. The Non-thesis and thesis option electives have been updated to free electives.	AY 23 - 24
Mexican American Studies Certificate	Change Program	There is an update to the "Overview" in the content at the top of the catalog page. As approved in February, EDUL 6345 has been removed as it has been untaught for 4+ years. Existing courses MASC 6300, MASC 6315, MASC 6320, MASC 6325, MASC 6330, MASC 6335, MASC 6345, and MASC 6355 have been added to include all courses in the prefix. The	AY 23 - 24

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| | | notes for special topics have been updated to "students are advised to consult with an advisor prior to enrolling in any section of ENGL 6390, HIST 5350 and SOCW 6399" since the original notes are not enforceable in DegreeWorks. | |

Motion to approve change: Kimberly Selber
Second: Rebecca Hernandez
Motion Passes
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    i.   **Department of Public Affairs and Security Studies**
          1) **Delete Course, New Course, Change Course, Change Program – Cecilio Ortiz-Garcia**

Name	Type	Comment	Effective Year
PAFF 6313 The Politics of Scarcity	Delete Course	The department is consolidating courses; thus they are removing this course. This course has not been taught on a frequent basis.	AY 23 - 24
PAFF 6335 Comparative Public Policy	Delete Course	The department is consolidating courses; thus they are removing this course. This course has not been taught on a frequent basis.	AY 23 - 24
PAFF 6351 Introduction to Community Development	Delete Course	The department is consolidating courses; thus they are removing this course. This course has been taught once a year, but due to the consolidation the department would like to remove the course. This course can be taught under the new special topics course until they are ready to re-activate the course.	AY 23 - 24
PAFF 6360 Public Administration Internship	Delete Course	There is a consolidation of Internship courses to give the department more flexibility between the three concentrations.	AY 23 - 24
PAFF 6361 Public Policy Internship	Delete Course	There is a consolidation of Internship courses to give the department more flexibility between the three concentrations.	AY 23 - 24
PAFF 6370 Directed Research in Public Administration	Delete Course	There is a consolidation of Directed Research courses to give the department more flexibility between the three concentrations.	AY 23 - 24
PAFF 6371 Independent Study in Public Administration	Delete Course	There is a consolidation of Independent Study courses to give the department more flexibility between the three concentrations.	AY 23 - 24

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PAFF 6372 Special Topics in Public Administration	Delete Course	There is a consolidation of Special Topics courses to give the department more flexibility between the three concentrations.	AY 23 - 24
PAFF 6373 Independent Study in Public Policy	Delete Course	There is a consolidation of Independent Study courses to give the department more flexibility between the three concentrations.	AY 23 - 24
PAFF 6392 Directed Research in Global Security Studies and Leadership	Delete Course	There is a consolidation of Directed Research courses to give the department more flexibility between the three concentrations.	AY 23 - 24
PAFF 6394 Internship in Global Security Studies and Leadership	Delete Course	There is a consolidation of Internship courses to give the department more flexibility between the three concentrations.	AY 23 - 24
PAFF 6395 Independent Study in Global Security Studies and Leadership	Delete Course	There is a consolidation of Independent Study courses to give the department more flexibility between the three concentrations.	AY 23 - 24
PAFF 7302 Applied Research Grant I	Delete Course	This course hasn't been used to complete the capstone requirement in the Public Administration concentration, thus we are removing the course. This course has also not been taught in the last 4 years.	AY 23 - 24
PAFF 7303 Applied Research Grant II	Delete Course	This course hasn't been used to complete the capstone requirement in the Public Administration concentration, thus we are removing the course. This course has also not been taught in the last 4 years.	AY 23 - 24
PAFF 7304 Thesis I: Public Policy	Delete Course	There is a consolidation of Thesis courses to give the department more flexibility between the three concentrations.	AY 23 - 24
PAFF 7305 Thesis II: Public Policy	Delete Course	There is a consolidation of Thesis courses to give the department more flexibility between the three concentrations.	AY 23 - 24
PAFF 6363 Internship	New Course	There is a consolidation of Internship courses to give the department more flexibility between the three concentrations. This	AY 23 - 24

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		course is being added to all three face-to-face concentrations.	
PAFF 6364 Masters of Public Affairs Capstone	New Course	There is a consolidation of Capstone courses to give the department more flexibility between the three concentrations. This course is being added to all three face-to-face concentrations.	AY 23 - 24
PAFF 6374 Directed Research	New Course	There is a consolidation of Directed Research courses to give the department more flexibility between the three concentrations. This course is being added to all three face-to-face concentrations.	AY 23 - 24
PAFF 6375 Special Topics	New Course	There is a consolidation of Special Topics courses to give the department more flexibility between the three concentrations. This course is being added to all three face-to-face concentrations.	AY 23 - 24
PAFF 7301 Thesis II	Change Course	This submission is to consolidate thesis courses for this department. There is a change in the long and short course title to "Thesis I". there is a change in the course description. This course is being added to all three face-to-face concentrations.	AY 23 - 24
PAFF 7300 Thesis I	Change Course	This submission is to consolidate thesis courses for this department. There is a change in the long and short course title to "Thesis II". there is a change in the course description. This course is being added to all three face-to-face concentrations.	AY 23 - 24
Public Affairs with a Concentration in Public Administration (MPA)	Change Program	There is an update to the electives to add PAFF 6330, PAFF 6334, PAFF 6363, PAFF 6374, PAFF 6375, PAFF 6380, and PAFF 6381. The following have been removed from the elective section: PAFF 6312, PAFF 6313, PAFF 6319, PAFF 6351, PAFF 6370, PAFF 6371, and PAFF 6372. The non-thesis option requirements have been updated to remove PAFF 6360, PAFF 7302, PAFF 7303, PAFF 6360, and PAFF 6362. The new capstone option for non-thesis is PAFF 6364 and any PAFF course.	AY 23 - 24

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[Public Affairs with a Concentration in Public Policy (MPA)](#)	Change Program	There is an update to the require courses to remove PAFF 6301, PAFF 6304, and PAFF 6306, and add PAFF 6330, PAFF 6331, and PAFF 6337. There is an update to the electives section to remove PAFF 6330, PAFF 6331, PAFF 6335, PAFF 6337, PAFF 6351, and PAFF 6361. There is an additional in the electives section of PAFF 6301, PAFF 6304, PAFF 6306, PAFF 6314, PAFF 6315, PAFF 6363, PAFF 6374, PAFF 6375, PAFF 6380, and PAFF 6381. The capstone for the non-thesis option has been changed from PAFF 7306 and a Public Policy elective to PAFF 6364 and any PAFF course. The Thesis courses have been changed from PAFF 7304 and PAFF 7305 to PAFF 7300 and PAFF 7301.	AY 23 - 24
[Public Affairs with a Concentration in Global Security Studies and Leadership (MPA)](#)	Change Program	There is an update to the program overview. There is an update to the electives section to add PAFF 6301, PAFF 6303, PAFF 6304, PAFF 6306, PAFF 6363, PAFF 6374, and PAFF 6375. The following courses have been removed from the elective section: PAFF 6392, PAFF 6393, PAFF 6394, and PAFF 6395. The capstone option for the non-thesis to include PAFF 6364 and an any PAFF course. There is an addition of a thesis option with PAFF 7300 and PAFF 7301.	AY 23 - 24

Motion to approve change: Dumitru Caruntu
Second: Denise Longoria
Motion Passes
Notes – What is the difference between the thesis and directed studies? The difference is in the electives, but students aren't required to complete a directed studies in the non-thesis option. Can existing students follow these new options? Yes, the department will assist students in following the updated degree plan.

b) **College of Health Professions**
   i. **Department of Communication Disorders**
      1) **Change Course, Change Program – Donald Fuller**

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COMD 6180 Graduate Practicum: Audiology	Change Course	There is a change to the prerequisite narrative from "Graduate standing to COMD graduate program" to "Completion of 25 observation hours in communication sciences and disorders. Admission to the COMD graduate program." The repeat code is being changed from RP to NR. **The 25 hours cannot be enforced in any system. This prerequisite will have to be manually managed by the department.**	AY 23 - 24
COMD 6301 Clinical Practicum I: Speech Pathology	Change Course	There is a change to the course description. There is a change to the prerequisite narrative from "Graduate standing to COMD graduate program" to "Completion of 25 observation hours in communication sciences and disorders. Admission to the COMD graduate program." **The 25 hours cannot be enforced in any system. This prerequisite will have to be manually managed by the department.**	AY 23 - 24
COMD 6302 Clinical Practicum II: Speech Pathology	Change Course	There is a change to the course description. There is a change to the prerequisite narrative from "Graduate standing to COMD graduate program and COMD 6301" to "A grade of 'B' or better in all first-year fall courses (COMD 6301, COMD 6310, COMD 6325, COMD 6355, COMD 6360) and a grade of 'B' or better in COMD 6180. Students who did not complete COMD 6180 as part of the first-year fall courses must take COMD 6180 during the spring semester. Students who earned less than a 'B' in COMD 6180 as part of the first-year fall courses are not permitted to retake COMD 6180 concurrently with COMD 6302."	AY 23 - 24
COMD 6303 Clinical Practicum III:	Change Course	There is a change to the course description. There is a change to the prerequisite narrative from "Graduate	AY 23 - 24

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Speech Pathology		standing to COMD graduate program and COMD 6301, 6302" to "A grade of 'B' or better in all first-year spring courses (COMD 6302, COMD 6330, COMD 6335, COMD 6385) and COMD 6180."	
COMD 6304 Clinical Practicum IV: Speech Pathology	Change Course	There is a change to the course description. There is a change to the prerequisite narrative from "Graduate standing to COMD graduate program and COMD 6301, 6302, 6303" to "A grade of 'B' or better in all summer term I courses (COMD 6303, COMD 6340, COMD 6365)."	AY 23 - 24
COMD 6310 Research in Communication Disorders	Change Course	There is a change to the course description. There is a change to the prerequisite narrative from "Graduate standing and admission to the COMD graduate program" to "Admission to the COMD graduate program."	AY 23 - 24
COMD 6325 Childhood Language Disorders and Clinical Intervention	Change Course	There is a change to the course description. There is a change to the prerequisite narrative from "Graduate standing and admission to the COMD graduate program" to "Admission to the COMD graduate program."	AY 23 - 24
COMD 6330 Fluency Disorders	Change Course	There is a change in the prerequisite narrative from "Graduate standing and admission to the COMD graduate program" to "A grade of 'B' or better in all first-year fall courses (COMD 6301, COMD 6310, COMD 6325, COMD 6355, COMD 6360) and a grade of 'B' or better in COMD 6180. Students who did not complete COMD 6180 as part of the first-year fall courses must take COMD 6180 during the spring semester. Students who earned less than a 'B' in COMD 6180 as part of the first-year fall courses are not permitted to retake COMD 6180 concurrently with COMD 6330."	AY 23 - 24
COMD 6335 Language	Change Course	There is a change in the prerequisite narrative from "Graduate standing and admission to the COMD graduate program"	AY 23 - 24

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Disorders in Adults		to "A grade of 'B' or better in all first-year fall courses (COMD 6301, COMD 6310, COMD 6325, COMD 6355, COMD 6360) and a grade of 'B' or better in COMD 6180. Students who did not complete COMD 6180 as part of the first-year fall courses must take COMD 6180 during the spring semester. Students who earned less than a 'B' in COMD 6180 as part of the first-year fall courses are not permitted to retake COMD 6180 concurrently with COMD 6335."	
COMD 6340 Phonological Assessment and Intervention	Change Course	There is a change in the prerequisite narrative from "Graduate standing and admission to the COMD graduate program" to "A grade of 'B' or better in all first-year spring courses (COMD 6302, COMD 6330, COMD 6335, COMD 6385) and COMD 6180."	AY 23 - 24
COMD 6345 Voice Disorders	Change Course	There is a change in the prerequisite narrative from "Graduate standing and admission to the COMD graduate program" to "A grade of 'B' or better in all summer term II COMD academic courses (COMD 6304, COMD 6390, COMD 6397)."	AY 23 - 24
COMD 6355 Normal and Abnormal Language Development of Culturally Diverse Populations	Change Course	There is a change in the prerequisite narrative from "Graduate standing and admission to the COMD graduate program" to "Admission to the COMD graduate program"	AY 23 - 24
COMD 6360 Neuromotor Speech Disorders	Change Course	There is a change in the prerequisite narrative from "Graduate standing and admission to the COMD graduate program" to "Admission to the COMD graduate program"	AY 23 - 24
COMD 6365 Language Assessment of Culturally and	Change Course	There is a change in the prerequisite narrative from "Graduate standing and admission to the COMD graduate program" to "A grade of 'B' or better in all first-year	AY 23 - 24

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Linguistically Diverse Populations		spring courses (COMD 6302, COMD 6330, COMD 6335, COMD 6385) and COMD 6180."	
COMD 6370 Seminar in Speech-Language Pathology	Change Course	There is a change in the course description. There is a change in the prerequisite narrative from "Graduate standing and admission to the COMD graduate program" to "A grade of 'B' or better in all second-year fall COMD courses (COMD 6345, COMD 6395).	AY 23 - 24
COMD 6385 Dysphagia	Change Course	There is a change in the prerequisite narrative from "Graduate standing and admission to the COMD graduate program" to "A grade of 'B' or better in all first-year fall courses (COMD 6301, COMD 6310, COMD 6325, COMD 6355, COMD 6360) and a grade of 'B' or better in COMD 6180. Students who did not complete COMD 6180 as part of the first-year fall courses must take COMD 6180 during the spring semester. Students who earned less than a 'B' in COMD 6180 as part of the first-year fall courses are not permitted to retake COMD 6180 concurrently with COMD 6385."	AY 23 - 24
COMD 6390 Autism Spectrum Disorder and Other Developmental Disorders	Change Course	There is a change in the course description. There is a change in the prerequisite narrative from "Graduate standing and admission to the COMD graduate program" to "A grade of 'B' or better in all summer term I courses (COMD 6303, COMD 6340, COMD 6365)."	AY 23 - 24
COMD 6395 Advanced Clinical Practicum I	Change Course	There is a change in the course description. There is a change in the prerequisite narrative from "Graduate standing and admission to the COMD graduate program" to "A grade of 'B' or better in all summer term II COMD academic courses (COMD 6304, COMD 6390, COMD 6397)."	AY 23 - 24
COMD 6396 Advanced	Change Course	There is a change in the course description. There is a change in the prerequisite narrative from "Graduate standing and	AY 23 - 24

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Clinical Practicum II		admission to the COMD graduate program" to "A grade of 'B' or better in all second-year fall COMD academic courses (COMD 6345, COMD 6395)."	
COMD 6397 Augmentative and Alternative Communication	Change Course	There is change in the long course title to include the word "and." There is a change in the prerequisite narrative from "Graduate standing and admission to the COMD graduate program" to "A grade of 'B' or better in all summer term I courses (COMD 6303, COMD 6340, COMD 6365)."	AY 23 - 24
COMD 7300 Thesis I	Change Course	There is a change to the prerequisite narrative to remove Graduate standing but keeping Admission to the COMD graduate program. The repeat code is being changed from RP to NR. The course description was updated to remove repeatability.	AY 23 - 24
COMD 7301 Thesis II	Change Course	There is a change in prerequisite narrative to add "A grade o 'B' or better for" to the COMD 7300 course. The repeat code is being changed from RP to NR. The course description was updated to remove repeatability.	AY 23 - 24
Communication Sciences and Disorders (MS)	Change Program	There is an addition of progression requirements and graduation requirements to the "Content at the top of the Catalog Page."	AY 23 – 24

Motion to approve change: Denise Longoria
Second: Lisa Salinas
Motion Passes
Notes – if the 25 hours can't be enforced, why place it on the prerequisites? The department can manage that. It was an informational note to ensure that the committee and the department know what can be enforced. OCIA wants to ensure that the committee knows what can and can't be enforced in the systems.

c) **College of Business and Entrepreneurship**
   i. **Department of Management**
      1) **Delete Program, New Program – Akinloye Akindayomi**

Name	Type	Comment	Effective Year
Healthcare Administration	Delete Program	The department has removed the Healthcare Administration specialization in the face-to-face MBA. Due to this, this	AY 23 - 24

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Name	Type	Comment	Effective Year
and Leadership Certificate		certificate is being changed to an AOP program.	
Healthcare Administration and Leadership Certificate - Accelerated Online Program	New Program	This program is changing in modality from face-to-face to AOP. The changes from the original program include removing ECON 6354 and NURS 6307. New courses include FINA 6350, INFS 6340, INFS 6343, and MARK 6350.	AY 23 - 24

Motion to approve change: Denise Longoria
Second: Rebecca Hernandez
Motion Passes
Notes – Salvador Contreras is presenting this program.

d) **College of Engineering and Computer Science**
   i. **Department of Mechanical Engineering**
      1) **New Change Course – Dumitru Caruntu**

Name	Type	Comment	Effective Year
BMEE 6316 Physiology for Biomedical Engineers	~~New~~ Change Course	This course was approved in October of 2021, but since then the course description for this course needed to be updated. Since the program hasn't been added to the catalog (as it is not approved to be implemented until Fall 2023), we weren't able to use the change course form. No other changes have been implemented.	AY 23 - 24

Motion to approve change: Michelle Abrego
Second: Kimberly Selber
Motion Passes
Notes

e) **College of Education and P-16 Integration**
   i. **Department of Teaching and Learning**
      1) **Delete Program – James Jupp**

Name	Type	Comment	Effective Year
Higher Education Teaching Certificate - Accelerated	Delete Program	Due to low enrollment, the department would like to discontinue the program. There are three students currently active and enrolled.	AY 23 - 24

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Online Program			

Motion to approve change: Michelle Abrego

Second: Denise Longoria

Motion Passes

Notes – Will students who are currently in the program be able to complete the program? there is only one student who is enrolled, but the department is working with the other two to ensure they know of the teach out and advising them through the teach out. The department isn't going to remove the courses to ensure the students can complete the program.

f) Graduate College
i. Change in Policy – Sandra Hansmann

Name	Type	Comment	Effective Year
Expired Coursework	Revise Policy	Language is being added to clarify extensions for coursework and petitions for both masters and doctoral level coursework.	AY 23 - 24
Graduate Student Standing and Probation	Revise Policy	Language is being added to clarify that students will be dropped if they are suspended, and the suspension appeal process for both master and doctoral students.	AY 23 - 24

Motion to approve change: Rebecca Hernandez

Second: Wei Lin

Motion Passes

Notes – Expired Course Work: For the 7-year timeline for master's level, will all courses expire? Students have 7 academic years from the time they start. If the student has been continuously enrolled, one year will automatically be given to the student. If a student stopped out, the student would have to apply to get the courses re-validated and they would have to start on the new catalog they entered.

Graduate Student Standing and Probation: In academic suspension portion the GPA should be 3.25 not 3.0. OCIA will correct.

2) Informational Items
a) Office of Curriculum and Institutional Assessment
i. Request to remove the GRE - Laura Saenz

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College of Business	International Business	Global Trade Management (MS) – Accelerated Online Program	TBD
College of Business	School of Accountancy	Accounting (MACC)	TBD
College of Education	Counseling	Counseling (MED)	TBD
College of Engineering and Computer Science	Civil Engineering	Civil Engineering (MS)	TBD
College of Engineering and Computer Science	Computer Science	Computer Science (MS)	TBD
College of Engineering and Computer Science	Electrical Engineering	Electrical Engineering (MSE)	TBD
College of Engineering and Computer Science	Manufacturing and Industrial Engineering	Manufacturing Engineering (MSE)	TBD
College of Engineering and Computer Science	Mechanical Engineering	Mechanical Engineering (MSE)	TBD
College of Health Professions	School of Rehabilitation Services and Counseling	Rehabilitation Counseling (PhD)	TBD
College of Liberal Arts	Communication	Communication (MA)	TBD
College of Liberal Arts	Criminal Justice	Criminal Justice (MS)	TBD
College of Liberal Arts	History	History (MA)	TBD
College of Liberal Arts	Literatures and Cultural Studies	English	TBD
College of Liberal Arts	Sociology	Disaster Studies (MA)	TBD
College of Liberal Arts	Sociology	Sociology (MS)	TBD
College of Liberal Arts	Spanish	Spanish (MA)	TBD
College of Liberal Arts	Writing and Language Studies	English as a Second Language (MA)	TBD

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College of Liberal Arts	Writing and Language Studies	Spanish Translation and Interpreting (MA)	**TBD**
College of Liberal Arts	Political Science	Political Science (MA)	**TBD**
College of Liberal Arts	Psychological Sciences	Clinical Psychology (PhD)	**TBD**
College of Liberal Arts, College of Fine Arts	MAIS – multiple depts	Concentration in Anthropology, Art History, History, English, and Mexican American Studies.	**TBD**
College of Science	MSIS - Physics and Astronomy	Concentration in Science and Technology (concentration name is in the process of changing to Physics, as noted above.)	**TBD**
College of Science	No Dept	Biochemistry (MS)	**TBD**
College of Science	Biology	Biology (MS)	**TBD**
College of Science	Chemistry	Chemistry (MS)	**TBD**
College of Science	School of Earth, Environmental, and Marine Sciences	Agricultural, Environmental, and Sustainability Sciences (MS)	**TBD**
College of Science	School of Earth, Environmental, and Marine Sciences	Ocean, Coastal and Earth Sciences (MS)	**TBD**
College of Science	School of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences	Mathematics (MS)	**TBD**
College of Science	Physics and Astronomy	Physics (MS)	**TBD**

Based on March 1, 2023, feedback from UT System regarding request to removal the GRE or GMAT as an admission requirement:

Programs working through the formal process to remove the GRE/GMAT from their admissions requirements can be granted an extension of the waiver implemented during the pandemic as they complete the proposal to permanently remove the requirement. The proposal must be reviewed by institutional leadership prior to submission to UT System. Removal of the GRE/GMAT requirement must be approved by the UTS Board of Regents. The waiver will expire according to the following timeline below. For those programs that have determined that the GRE/GMAT is predictive, and do not wish to change their admissions standards, the GRE/GMAT will not be removed. (**This was added during the meeting at 10:58. It was mistakenly omitted**)

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Waive GRE/GMAT	Department Action to Remove GRE/GMAT	Due Date	Outcomes	UTRGV Next Steps	UT System Decision	Date GRE/GMAT is permanently removed or reinstated
Applications received during Spring/Summer 2023 and AY 2023-2024	Submit data and proposal to remove GRE/GMAT for institutional review by due date	June 30, 2023, for November 2023 UTS BOR meeting	Data supports the request to remove the GRE/GMAT.	Send request to UTS	Approve	Applications received in AY 2024-2025
Applications received during Spring/Summer 2023 and AY 2023-2024	Submit data and proposal to remove GRE/GMAT for institutional review by due date	June 30, 2023, for November 2023 UTS BOR meeting	Data supports the request to remove the GRE/GMAT.	Send request to UTS	Reject	Applications received in AY 2024-2025
Applications received during Spring/Summer 2023 and AY 2023-2024	Submit data and proposal to remove GRE/GMAT for institutional review by due date	June 30, 2023, for November 2023 UTS BOR meeting	Data does **not** support request to remove GRE/GMAT	Do not send request to UTS	n/a	Applications received in AY 2024-2025
Applications received during Spring/Summer 2023 and AY 2023-2024	Program does not submit request to remove GRE/GMAT for institutional review by due date	June 30, 2023, for November 2023 UTS BOR meeting	n/a	n/a	n/a	Applications received in AY 2024-2025

Notes: The paragraph in the above was added during the meeting. For Biomedical Engineering program set to start in the Fall, would the department be able to submit as well? Since the program is brand new the institution will have to have more concentrations for this one. since the program doesn't have any data to show that it isn't needed so it makes it a bit more difficult. Is there anything else that a department can do to assist in the data gathering, aside from letting OCIA know they would like to remove the GRE? OCIA will reach out to the department once the institution has come up with a plan for data gathering.

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MUAP 6279 & MUAP 6243	In February these two courses were approved to be removed from the inventory. There are students who need to take these two courses in the fall, so we are re-activating them.

1) **Announcements or Other Informational Items**
   i) Next meeting – October 2023
   ii) Thanks to the Chair, Charles Rousch, and Vice Chair, Kimberly Selber
   iii) Change of Committee Meeting Dates

2) **Adjournment**
Motion: Michelle Abrego
Second: Kimberly Selber
Adorned: 11:11 am

February 15, 2023

DRAFT REVISED EXPIRED COURSEWORK

<mark>Current:</mark>	<mark>Proposed</mark>:
MASTER'S COURSEWORK – MAXIMUM PERIOD FOR COMPLETION All academic coursework applied toward a Master's degree must have been earned in the seven (7) years immediately preceding completion of the graduate program. In exceptional circumstances only, upon approval of the Dean of Graduate College, expired course credits may be revalidated for one year only and may not be revalidated more than once. A limit of 9 credit hours may be revalidated and reinstated in a 30-credit hour degree plan, and a limit of 12 credit hours may be revalidated and reinstated in 36-credit hour or greater degree plans. Expired coursework will not be revalidated for the purpose of use in a second or subsequent degree and expired elective coursework will not be revalidated. In addition, transferred and/or substituted credits will not be revalidated. Students must graduate within one (1) academic year of credit revalidation, and revalidation does not change the grade initially earned in the course. Students seeking to revalidate expired coursework must meet with their Graduate Program Coordinator (GPC) to discuss revalidation and to develop a degree plan/path to graduation. Non-enrolled students must re-apply and be admitted into a degree program at UTRGV to pursue course revalidation.	**MASTER'S COURSEWORK – MAXIMUM PERIOD FOR COMPLETION** All academic coursework applied toward a Master's degree must have been earned in the seven (7) years immediately preceding completion of the graduate program. **Petitions for Extension of the Maximum Period for Degree Completion** In exceptional circumstances, active continuously enrolled students may request a one-year extension of the Maximum Period for Degree Completion upon approval of the Program, Academic College, and Graduate College. A denial at any level stops the process. Students with an approved extension of the maximum period for degree completion are not required to submit course revalidations. **Petitions for Revalidation of Expired Coursework** In exceptional circumstances only, inactive students seeking to return to UTRGV for degree completion may reapply to UTRGV and upon admission, petition to include expired coursework in the degree. A limit of 9 credit hours may be revalidated and reinstated in a 30-credit hour degree plan, and a limit of 12 credit hours may be revalidated and reinstated in 36-credit hour or greater degree plans, upon approval of the Program, Academic College, and Graduate College. A denial at any level stops the process. Students must graduate within one (1) academic year of credit revalidation, and revalidation does not change the grade initially earned in the course. Expired coursework will not be revalidated for the purpose of use in a second or subsequent

	degree and expired elective coursework will not be revalidated. In addition, transferred and/or substituted credits will not be revalidated.
	Students seeking to revalidate expired coursework must meet with their Graduate Program Coordinator (GPC) to discuss revalidation and to develop a degree plan/path to graduation.
DOCTORAL COURSEWORK – MAXIMUM PERIOD FOR COMPLETION All academic coursework applied toward a Doctoral degree must have been earned in the ten (10) years immediately preceding completion of the graduate program. In some circumstances, upon approval of the Dean of Graduate College, expired course credits may be revalidated for one year only and may not be revalidated more than once. Expired coursework will not be revalidated for the purpose of use in a second or subsequent degree and expired elective coursework will not be revalidated. In addition, transferred and/or substituted credits will not be revalidated. Students must graduate within one (1) academic year of credit revalidation, and revalidation does not change the grade initially earned in the course. Students seeking to revalidate expired coursework must meet with their Doctoral Dissertation Committee (DDC) to discuss possible revalidation. Non-enrolled students must re-apply and be admitted into a degree program at UTRGV in order to pursue course revalidation.	**DOCTORAL COURSEWORK – MAXIMUM PERIOD FOR COMPLETION** All academic coursework applied toward a Doctoral degree must have been earned in the ten (10) years immediately preceding completion of the graduate program. **Petitions for Extension of the Maximum Period for Degree Completion** In exceptional circumstances, active continuously enrolled students may request a one-year extension of the Maximum Period for Degree Completion upon approval of the Program, Academic College, and Graduate College. A denial at any level stops the process. Students with an approved extension of the maximum period for degree completion are not required to submit course revalidations. **Petitions for Revalidation of Expired Coursework** In exceptional circumstances only, inactive students seeking to return to UTRGV for degree completion may reapply to UTRGV and upon admission, petition to include expired coursework in the degree. A limit of 9 credit hours may be revalidated and reinstated in a 30-credit hour degree plan, and a limit of 12 credit hours may be revalidated and reinstated in 36-credit hour or greater degree plans, upon approval of the Program, Academic College, and Graduate College. A denial at any level stops the process.

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<mark>Current</mark>	Proposed
MASTERS ACADEMIC STANDING, ACADEMIC PROBATION, AND ACADEMIC SUSPENSION	**MASTERS ACADEMIC STANDING, ACADEMIC PROBATION, AND ACADEMIC SUSPENSION**
For a masters-level graduate student to remain in good academic standing, the student must maintain a cumulative and semester or module grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) and meet their department's academic progress criteria toward degree completion. The minimum GPA of 3.0 is based on all course work taken, regardless of whether the courses are part of the student's degree plan. A student whose GPA falls below a 3.0 cumulatively or in a given semester or module is placed on academic probation the next semester or module. Within the probationary semester or module, the student's cumulative and semester or module GPA must return to 3.0 or the student will be suspended. Some programs may require a higher minimum GPA in the program or in specific courses for progression into subsequent courses. A student who receives an F in any course is suspended without a probationary semester or module regardless of cumulative GPA. To petition for readmission into a graduate program, a suspended	**Good Academic Standing** For a masters-level graduate student to remain in good academic standing, the student must maintain a cumulative and semester or module grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) and meet their department's academic progress criteria toward degree completion. The minimum GPA of 3.0 is based on all course work taken, regardless of whether the courses are part of the student's degree plan. Some programs may require a higher minimum GPA in the program or in specific courses for progression into subsequent courses. **Academic Probation**— A student whose GPA falls below a 3.0 cumulatively or in a given semester or module is placed on academic probation the next semester or module. Within the probationary semester or module, the student's cumulative and semester or module GPA must return to 3.0 or the student will be suspended. **Academic Suspension—** Probationary students who do not raise their GPA to the minimum 3.0 GPA at the end of the probationary semester are suspended. Students who receive an F in any course are suspended without a probationary semester or module regardless of cumulative GPA. Suspended students who nevertheless register or have registered prior to completion of the semester in which academic standing is determined will be dropped from coursework. **Suspension Appeals** To continue graduate studies, suspended students must submit an appeal through the Graduate Program

student must submit a written request through the Director of Graduate Program and the Dean of the College to the Graduate College Dean, and upon approval, may continue the program of study.	Coordinator and the Academic College Dean to the Graduate College Dean, and upon approval, may continue in the program of study. **Dismissal—** Students whose suspension appeals are not approved are dismissed. Students who do not meet the conditions of an approved reinstatement appeal are dismissed.
Current **DOCTORAL ACADEMIC STANDING, ACADEMIC PROBATION, AND ACADEMIC SUSPENSION**	**Proposed** **DOCTORAL ACADEMIC STANDING, ACADEMIC PROBATION, AND ACADEMIC SUSPENSION**
For a doctoral-level graduate student to remain in good academic standing, the student must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.25 (on a 4.0 scale), maintain a semester or module GPA of 3.25, and maintain a 3.25 in 8000 and 9000 level coursework. Some programs may require a higher minimum GPA in the program or in specific courses for progression into subsequent courses. A student who does not meet the 3.25 GPA requirements as specified above is placed on academic probation the next semester or module. Within that probationary semester or module, the semester or module and cumulative GPA must return to 3.25 or the student will be suspended. A student who receives an F in any course is suspended without a probationary semester or module regardless of cumulative GPA.	**Good Academic Standing** For a doctoral-level graduate student to remain in good academic standing, the student must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.25 (on a 4.0 scale), maintain a semester or module GPA of 3.25, and maintain a 3.25 in 8000 and 9000 level coursework. Some programs may require a higher minimum GPA in the program or in specific courses for progression into subsequent courses. **Academic Probation**— A student whose who does not meet the criteria for Good Academic Standing is placed on academic probation the next semester or module. Within the probationary semester or module, the student's cumulative and semester or module GPA must return to 3.25 or the student will be suspended. **Academic Suspension—** Probationary students who do not raise their GPA to the minimum 3.0 GPA at the end of the probationary semester are suspended. Students who receive an F in any course are suspended without a probationary semester or module regardless of cumulative GPA. Suspended students who nevertheless register or have registered prior to completion of the semester in which academic standing is determined will be dropped from coursework.