

Graduate Committee Meeting

Agenda

AY 2024 - 2025

10:00 am – 12:00 am



AGENDA – March 7, 2025

1) Call to order @ 10:00am

2) Roll call:

College	Member	Attendance
Business and Entrepreneurship	Hale Kaynak	Present
Engineering and Computer Science	Dumitru Caruntu	Present
Education and P-16 Integration, Chair	Michelle Abrego	Present
Fine Arts, Vice Chair	Katrina Roush	Present
Health Professions	Lisa Salinas	Present
School of Nursing	Rebecca Hernandez	Present
Liberal Arts	Dean Kyne	Present
College of Science	VACANT	VACANT
School of Medicine	VACANT	VACANT
School of Social Work	Denise Longoria	Present
University Library	VACANT	VACANT
Graduate College, Ex Officio	Can (John) Saygin	Present
OCIA, Ex Officio	Laura Saenz	Present

3) Old Business: Approval of Minutes from February 7, 2025

Please respond via Teams regarding any revisions needed to the minutes.

(If no revisions are requested, the minutes will be accepted through consent.) APPROVED

4) New Business: Review of Submissions

a) College of Education and P-16 Integration

i) Department of Bilingual and Literacy Studies - **Presenter: Isela Almaguer**

(1) Change Program

Name	Type	Comments	Effective Term
Reading Specialist Certification - Online Program	Change Program	The program has been updated to be aligned with alternative certification program requirements. Program changes include: (1) updates to the overview describing the program as an ACP program, (2) updates to master's degree requirements for admissions, and (3) and increase in program hours from 6 to 15 hours. These changes will be submitted to TEA to allow the UTRGV Educator Preparation Program to keep the Reading Specialist program on its inventory of certifications; however, for the immediate future, the program will not accept applicants.	Fall 2025

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Representative: Isela Almaguer

Motion to approve: Denise Longoria

Second: Rebecca Hernandez

Motion Passes

Notes: Dr. Saenz clarified the terms Post-baccalaureate and Alternative Certification used by TEA. Post-baccalaureate certification can be earned concurrently with a master's degree and an Alternative Certification program is earned post the master's degree. Rosie asked if the program will be awarding the certification upon completion for current students. Isela responded yes that there are three students pending the certification this Spring 2025. The program will be dormant after the spring semester.

ii) Department of Organization and School Leadership - **Presenter: Jesus Abrego**

(1) New Course, Change Course, New Program, Change Program and Delete Program

Name	Type	Comments	Effective Term
EDUL 6301 Cultivating School Culture & Continuous Improvement	New Course	New course in the new Principal Certification – AOP Program.	Fall 2025
EDUL 6302 Effective Instructional Leadership	New Course	New course in the new Principal Certification – AOP Program.	Fall 2025
EDUL 6303 Strategic Development of Human Resources	New Course	New course in the new Principal Certification – AOP Program.	Fall 2025
EDUL 6304 Leadership Operations and Ethics	New Course	New course in the new Principal Certification – AOP Program.	Fall 2025
EDUL 6390 Principal Leadership Seminar and Practicum I	Change Course	Course changes include updates to the long/short course titles and the course description. The repeat code is being corrected from Repeatable to Non-repeatable and the max hours are being removed.	Fall 2025
Principal Certification - Accelerated Online Program	New Program	This alternative certification program (ACP) allows students with a master's degree and Pk-12 teaching experience to work towards the Principal Certification. This is a reactivated program. The program was last in the 21-22 catalog and was only 6 hours. At that time, it was not considered an ACP program.	Fall 2025
EDUL 7398 Superintendent Leadership Seminar and Practicum	Change Course	Course changes include updates to the long/short course titles, the course description, and the prerequisite narrative.	Fall 2025
Superintendent Certification	Change Program	Program change includes an update to the overview to describe the program as an alternative certification program. The program will remain 15 credit hours.	Fall 2025
Educational Leadership with a Concentration in PK-12 Administration (Ed.D.)	Change Program	The Pk-12 concentration includes a path towards earning the superintendent certification. The catalog page has been updated to inform students that they must apply concurrently and	Fall 2025

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		be admitted to the Alternative Certification Superintendent Program.	
Teacher Leadership (M.Ed.) - Accelerated Online Program	Delete Program	Deletion of program from the inventory due to low enrollment.	Fall 2025

Representative: Jesus Abrego

Motion to approve: Dumitru Caruntu

Second: Katrina Roush

Motion Passes

Notes: Deby asked if a new program code will be created for new Principal Certification – AOP for easier tracking of new admitted students and if they are meeting qualification since they may be tied to the previous program. Sofia mentioned that her office will review if a new program code is needed.

iii) Department of Counseling - **Presenter: Javier Cavazos**

(1) New Course and New Program

Name	Type	Comments	Effective Term
COUN 6354 Advanced School Counseling	New Course	New course for the new School Counseling Certification program.	Fall 2025
School Counseling Certification	New Program	This new alternative certification program in School Counseling allows individuals with a master's degree in clinical mental health counseling or a related field to earn the School Counseling Certification. The program consists of 15 credits hours including 6 hours of internship.	Fall 2025

Representative: Javier Cavazos

Motion to approve: Lisa Salinas

Second: Hale Kaynak

Motion Passes

b) College of Engineering and Computer Science

i) Department of Civil Engineering - **Presenters: Gasser Ali, Jungseok Ho**

(1) New Program

Name	Type	Comments	Effective Term
Construction Management Certificate - Online Program	New Program	New 12-hour certificate made up of existing courses. The program is intended for students with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering, architecture, and related fields.	Fall 2025

Representatives: Gasser Ali, Jungseok Ho

Motion to approve: Dumitru Caruntu

Second: Hale Kaynak

Motion Passes

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c) College of Health Professions

i) Department of Communication Disorders - **Presenter: Rocio Cavazos**

(1) New Course

Name	Type	Comments	Effective Term
COMD 6380 Special Topics	New Course	New Special Topics course. This course will not be added to a degree plan and will require a substitution to be applied to their degree plan.	Summer I / Minimester 2025

Representative: Rocio Cavazos

Motion to approve: Lisa Salinas

Second: Dean Kyne

Motion Passes

Notes: This course will be cross- listed with COMD 4375.

5) Non-Voting Items

a) Administrative Changes

Name	Type	Comments	Effective Term
SPAN 6350 AP Peninsular Prose	Change Course	Administrative correction to the course description, repeat code, and the max hours. Duplicate course description with SPAN 6318.	Spring 2025

6) Discussion Items

a) Graduate Program Regulations – Salvador Contreras

Notes: Dr. Contreras asked if anyone had questions regarding the program regulations shared document. He asked everyone to review the proposed changes to be voted on in the April meeting.

7) Announcements / Informational Items - Dr. Laura Saenz

a) Next meeting: April 4, 2025 (10am – 12pm)

8) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Hale Kaynak

Adjourn @ 11:21am