

# Undergraduate Committee Meeting

Agenda

AY 2021-2022

9:00 am – 11:00 am



## Agenda – October 8, 2021

- 1) Chairs Call to Order @ 9:02am
- 2) Roll Call & Introduction to New Members

RCV College of Business and Entrepreneurship	Ahmed Elnahas	Present
College of Engineering and Computer Science	Mounir Ben Ghalia	Present
College of Education and P-16 Integration	Janine Schall	Present
College of Fine Arts	Robert Gilbert	Present
College of Liberal Arts	Lucas Espinoza	Present
College of Health Professions	Fidencio Mercado	Present
College of Science	Nicolas Pereyra	Present
School of Nursing	Betty John	Present
School of Social Work	Noelia Alonzo	Present
University College	Vacant	Vacant
University Library	Justin White	Present
Office of the Provost (Ex- Officio)	Laura M. Saenz	Present

- 3) Opening Remarks
  - a) Committee Charge, Dr. Laura Saenz
  - b) Role of Curriculum & Institutional Assessment Office, Dr. Laura Saenz
  - c) Role of the Faculty & relevant SACSCOC principles & practices, Dr. Christine Shupala
  - d) 2-Year Catalog Cycle: 2022-2024
- 4) Nomination and Election of Officers
  - a) Chair

Motion to keep Lucas Espinoza as Chair: Nicolas Pereyra  
Second: Janine Schall  
Motion Unanimously Passes
  - b) Vice-Chair

Motion to keep Ahmed Elnahas as Vice-Chair: Fidencio Mercado  
Second: Nicolas Pereyra  
Motion Unanimously Passes
- 5) Old Business: Review of Minutes from May 14, 2021 Undergraduate Committee meeting

Motion to approve April Meeting minutes: Janine Schall  
Second: Ahmed Elnahas  
Motion Unanimously Passes
- 6) New Business: Review of Submissions
  - a) College of Liberal Arts
    - i) School of Interdisciplinary Programs and Community Engagement – Presenter: Paul Jorgensen
      - (1) NEW COURSE PROPOSALS

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Effective Catalog Year	Name	Type	Comments
TBD	<a href="#">HDOS 3301 Introduction to the Human Dimensions of Organizations</a>	New Course	New required course for new HDOS program
TBD	<a href="#">HDOS 3320 Multidisciplinary Methods for Exploring Organizations</a>	New Course	New required course for new HDOS program
TBD	<a href="#">HDOS 3379 Applying the Human Dimensions of Organizations</a>	New Course	New required course for new HDOS program

**Representative:** Paul Jorgensen

**Motion to approve:** Ahmed Elnahas

**Second:** Fidencio Mercado

**Motion Unanimously passes**

### (2) NEW PROGRAM PROPOSALS

Effective Catalog Year	Name	Type	Comments
2022-2023	<a href="#">Human Dimensions of Organizations</a> - <a href="#">Will need external approval</a>	New Program	New program

**Representative:** Paul Jorgensen

**Motion to approve:** Fidencio Mercado

**Second:** Noelia Alonzo

**Motion Unanimously passes**

**Notes:** Dr. Saenz noted that the effective catalog year should be TBD, not 2022-2023 since this program will need external approval. Dr. Shupala stated that it will have to go to UT System and the Coordinating Board for approval. Rosie noted that the major requirements should be 30 hours. Dr. Saenz recommended that in the section for Free electives, instead of stating that “credit hours must be used to attain a minor and/or second major”, that are required minor be required. Dr. Jorgensen asked for the statement to be removed.

#### a) College of Health Professions

i) Department of Communication Disorders – Presenter: Donald Fuller

### (1) NEW PROGRAM PROPOSALS

Effective Catalog Year	Name	Type	Comments
2022-2023	<a href="#">Leveling Certificate in Communication Sciences and Disorders</a>	New Program	New certificate to allow non COMD students to take leveling courses for the Masters program.

**Representative:** Donald Fuller

**Motion to table proposal until next meeting:** Janine Schall

**Second:** Ahmed Elnahas

**Motion Unanimously approved**

**NOTES:** Dr. Saenz stated that this certificate that will need external approval at the UG level. Dr. Shupala indicated that if the committee approves the certificate, it will need to be submitted to the system for review and approval and submission to the Coordinating Board. Once the Coordinating Board approves it,

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then they will put into our inventory of programs. Fidencio Mercado asked if the certificate has admission requirements and how it will affect Financial Aid. Dr. Saenz stated that none of the certificate offered at the Undergraduate or Graduate level are eligible for Financial Aid. Dara Newton asked about doing a certificate rather than doing a second bac and the difference in courses. Also, how students will be identified in the program. Dr. Fuller stated that doing a second bac would include having to take all the courses in the major. Rosie Pena questioned how to report the program, additional Financial Aid implications and the awarding process. Fidencio asked about the Supporting Courses if needed to be taken with the undergraduate degree. Dr. Saenz added that is that content is additional information and more of a disclaimer. She also clarified that it does not guarantee that students are accepted to the COMD program. Dara asked if student could be denied to the certificate program at the admissions or program level. Dr. Fuller stated everything is done in house and would limit to 15 students a year. Lucas suggested this proposal be tabled. Dr. Saenz recommended that a meeting to include all departments with Dr. Fuller and Dr. Lehker to discuss the process steps to ensure successful implementation be arranged.

### 7) Announcements/Informational Items

#### a) Next meeting – Friday, November 12, 2021

Dr. Saenz reminded all Committee members that the meeting starts promptly at 9am. Also, a date to have an Undergraduate and Graduate Committee meeting to review and consider Fast Track 4+1 programs is being considered.

### 8) Motion to adjourn

Motion to adjourn: Fidencio Mercado

Second: Ahmed Elnahas

Meeting adjourned: 10:36am

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