

## Undergraduate Committee Meeting

### Agenda

AY 2020-2021

9:00 am – 11:00 am



### Agenda – January 22, 2021

#### 1) Chairs Call to Order @ 9:04am

#### 2) Roll Call

Business and Entrepreneurship	Dr. Ahmed Elnahas	Present
Engineering and Computer Science	Dr. Mounir Ben Ghalia	Present
Education and P-16 Integration	Dr. Janine Schall	Present
Fine Arts	Dr. Jonathan Guist	Present
Health Professions	Mr. Fidencio Mercado	Present
School of Nursing	Ms. Judy Voss	Present
School of Social Work	Ms. Noelia Alonzo	Present
Liberal Arts	Dr. Lucas Espinoza	Present
Science	Dr. Nicolas Pereyra	Absent
University College	Mr. Jaime Mancha	Present
Ex- Officio	Dr. Laura M. Saenz	Present

#### 3) Old Business: Review of Minutes from December 2020 Undergraduate meeting

Motion to approve December minutes: Ms. Judy Voss

(Correction to the minutes from Dr. to Ms. Judy Voss)

Second: Dr. Ahmed Elnahas

7 Voted Yay: Approved

#### 4) New Business: Review of Submissions

##### College of Engineering and Computer Science

#### 5) Department of Civil Engineering

- a) **Change Course Proposal** – revise course description to align with current course content.

Name	Type
<a href="#">CIVE 2220 Civil Engineering Measurements</a>	Change Course

Representative: Mr. Jorge Vidal

Motion to approve: Dr. Jonathan Guist

Second: Dr. Janine Schall

8 Voted Yay: Approved

Notes: Dr. Ghalia asked about the topics in the course and what percentage of changes will be made. Mr. Vidal responded that content has been added to cover course subjects, covering them with more depth. There will be no change in subject matter.

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### College of Liberal Arts

#### 6) Department of Political Science

- a) **New Course Proposals** – add three new POLS course. Courses will be added to advanced electives options on the BA in Political Science (minor required) degree.

Name	Type
<a href="#">POLS 3343 Foundations of Social Theory</a>	New Course
<a href="#">POLS 4334 Contemporary International Issues</a>	New Course
<a href="#">POLS 4344 Environmental Political Theory</a>	New Course

**Representative:** Dr. Dongkyu Kim

**Motion to approve:** Dr. Ahmed Elnahas

**Second:** Dr. Jonathan Guist

**8 Voted Yay:** Approved

**Notes:** Dr. Elnahas asked about the second and third courses being added, as a result of new faculty proposals and how this curriculum compares to programs in other universities. Dr. Kim responded that faculty can deliver the foundations and readings of modern Philosophers in these two courses. Dr. Saenz also stated that it is important that the Political Science electives are offered on a regular basis since courses will be removed if they are not being taught for a number of years. She also asked for clarification that for the three courses being added if students in previous catalogs can enroll in those courses and have them count towards the previous catalogs. Dr. Kim responded that he did not think so, only for the current catalog year and going forward.

- b) **Change Program Proposal** – revise BA in Political (minor required) program to add POLS 3343, POLS 4334, and POLS 4344 to advanced electives.

Name	Type
<a href="#">Political Science (Minor Required), Bachelor of Arts</a>	Change Program

**Representative:** Dr. Dongkyu Kim

**Motion to approve:** Dr. Jonathan Guist

**Second:** Dr. Janine Schall

**8 Voted Yay:** Approved

#### 7) Announcements/Informational Items

**Dr. Saenz made the following announcements:**

- Colleagues from the Registrar's, DegreeWorks team, Admissions and Advising are invited to the meetings to make sure all things are covered. With each representative present, there will be retreats to review the Undergraduate academic policies to update and resolve problem areas through a catalog revision change. If there are any areas of

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improvement, recommendations from the colleges, or general policies that may need clarification, feedback is welcome.

- Marybel from Admissions has asked to communicate to the colleges about IB and AP credit that is handled and evaluated by the Admissions office. Regular updates are important to determine what credit is awarded. The departments and programs determine what score is needed for specific courses. Marybel will send emails to all colleges/departments to review both tests, coverage, and scores.
- Dr. Saenz attended the Dean's council meeting and they provided feedback on the Fast-Track policy that was adopted at the joint committee meeting regarding the GPA requirement and if the GRE should be required for students who apply. GPA is currently set at a 3.5 which is under discussion.
- If the February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting does not have many proposals, that date may be used to bring together the joint committee to review proposals and/or what has been adopted.
- She recommended to stay on top on what is being updated on our department website which provides additional guidance for the web-based platform.
- Dr. Saenz was invited to speak to the Faculty Senate who wanted to know the overall development of the central office for Curriculum review prior to reaching the UG Committee. They asked for transparency from the New Program team, which they felt that the process was happening outside of the UG Committee. They recommended that the New Program team forward any communication or proposals to Dr. Lucas Espinoza for review.
- Dr. Lucas Espinoza asked Marybel to send the email she will be sending to the colleges regarding IB and AP credit to the committee members for review.

**a) Next meeting – February 12, 2021**

**Motion to adjourn:** Dr. Ahmed Elnahas

**Second:** Dr. Jonathan Guist

**Meeting adjourned:** 9:45 am

**Others Present:** Thelma Leal, Laura Hernandez, Leticia Garza

**Open Invitation to Campus Participants/Observers:** Contact [undergradcommittee@utrgv.edu](mailto:undergradcommittee@utrgv.edu) if you would like to be a guest at the meeting.