

# Undergraduate Committee Meeting

## Minutes

April 21, 2017

9:00 am – 11:00 am

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Present UC: Clara Downey-Adams, Margaret Graham, Andrea Schwarzbach, Emmet Tomai, Tim Brush, Marilyn Hagerty, Art Brownlow

Absent UC: Zulmaris Díaz, Joel Chirinos, Dr. Cynthia Brown

Present Deputy Provost Office: Rosa Peña, Donna Jackson

Visitors in Harlingen: Francisco Muñoz (COFA), Hassan Ahmad, James Hinthorne, David Hicks, Jihoon Kang, Juan Gonzalez (COS), Ana Peña-Oliva (CLA)

Visitors in Edinburg: Riccardo Pizzinato (COFA), Michael Persans (COS), Nicolas Pereyra (COS), Cynthia Jones (CLA), Fidencio Mercado (COHA), Nicholas Dimakis (COS), Thuy Vu (COECS), Alexis Racelis (COS), Andras Balogh (COS), Eluterio Blanco (COHA), Bob Jones (COECS), Linda Belau (CLA), Linda Matthews (VCOBE), John Sargent (VCOBE), Michelle Madrid (Registrar), Jungseok Ho (COECS), Mark Chu (COECS), Phil Ethridge (CLA), Donna Sweigart (COFA), Randall Johnson (COHA)\*

\*Did not sign in.

Visitors in Brownsville: Janine Schall (CEP16)

### A. CALL TO ORDER @ 9 a.m.

### B. OLD BUSINESS

#### I. Approval of Minutes from March 10 and March 31 meetings.

Review of March 10 minutes: Motion to Approve: Brush, Brownlow. Vote: Approved 7-0.

Review of March 31 minutes: Motion to Approve: Brush, Brownlow. Vote: Approved 7-0.

#### II. Review of Tabled Submissions

##### 1. College of Sciences

- BS in Environmental Sciences: revise program.

Presenter: James Hinthorne. Presentation of revised degree plan to address multiple prerequisite issues identified at the March 31 meeting and new roadmaps to help students plan their pathway in this degree program. There was extended discussion—45 minutes--of several remaining issues. UC recommends the following:

1. Summary/clarification statement at the beginning of the degree plan urging students to seek advisement from program director upon selection of this program as a major. Each concentration have recommended courses from the B.2.b Science Restricted Electives that students need to be aware of.
2. GE Core Area 090 (6 hrs required): revise to add BIOL 1406 (one hr lab) to make 3 lab hours total and select any other 3 hr class for that category.
3. Revise section B.2.a (Science Foundation) in degree plan: Remove MATH 3335 Multiple Regression as an option since it has upper-division prerequisites that are not required on the degree plan and replace it with MATH 1314 or 1414 College Algebra.
4. Remove MATH 3334 from the Science Restricted Electives since it also has multiple hidden prerequisites
5. Include 1 chr course to the list of BIOL electives on the Environmental Biology Concentration in order for students to be able to take only 17 chrs.
6. Some courses still have hidden prerequisites and are not labelled as such.
7. All changes made in degree plan need to be reflected in the roadmaps.

Motion to approve contingent upon above recommendations: Brush, Tomai  
Vote: Approved 7-0.

### C. REVIEW OF SUBMISSIONS

#### I. College of Sciences

##### 1. **Earth, Environmental, and Marine Sciences**

- **Revise Course:** ENVR 4301

Presenter: Jihoon Kang.

Discussion: Change in prerequisites, schedule type, contact hours, repeat for additional credit, and course description.

Motion to approve: Hagerty, Brownlow

Vote: Approved 7-0

##### 2. **College of Science**

- **Add Courses:** CESL 1101, 3301, 3302

Presenter: Alexis Racelis

Discussion: All three courses are community engagement courses are open to all students. CESL 1101 is proposed for the GE Core 090 area.

Motion to approve: Brownlow, Hagerty

Vote: Approved 7-0

- **Revise Proposed Program:** BS in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Presenters: Michael Persans

Discussion: 1. Changes discussed by representative were not provided to the UC- restricted electives hours increased from 18 to 19. Rosie mentioned that the only changes to the program should have been the ones suggested by the committee at the previous meeting. Changes were made to the program mission statement and a note on the free electives.

Additional clarification will be needed. 2. Add clause to the Free Electives section of degree plan: "If you are applying to health profession degree programs, it is recommended that you select all three courses."

Motion to approve pending clarification of degree plan changes: Brush, Brownlow

Vote: Approved 7-0

##### 3. **Biology**

- **Revise Course:** BIOL 4412

Presenter: Tim Brush

Discussion: Change of prerequisite to allow more students to take. Prerequisite will be BIOL 1406 (or BIOL 1487) and 1407 (or BIOL 1488)

Motion to approve: Graham, Hagerty

Vote: Approved: 7-0

##### 4. **Chemistry**

- **Revise Courses:** CHEM 2123, 2125, 2301, 2323, 2325, 4301, 4303

Presenter: Hassan Ahmad

Revising prerequisites: CHEM 2123, 2301, 4301

Revising co-requisites: CHEM 2125

Revising course descriptions: CHEM 2323, 2325, 4303

Changes do not impact degree plan.

Motion to approve: Hagerty, Graham

Vote: Approved 7-0

### 5. **Mathematical and Statistical Science**

- **Revise Program:** BS in Mathematics

Presenter: Andras Balogh

Making changes to degree plan and updating prefixes for the STAT degree. Changes specified on form.

Motion to approve: Graham, Hagerty

Vote: Approved 7-0

### 6. **Physics**

- **Revise Courses:** PHYS 3311, 3312, 3404

Presenter: Nicholas Dimakis

Discussion: revising course numbers and credit hours. The existing 3-hr courses will become 4-hr courses and 3404 will become 3304. Clarification was provided that Physics 3411 and 3412 both have 3 lecture and 3 lab as contact hours.

Motion to approve: Schwarzbach, Hagerty

Vote: Approved 7-0

- **Revise Program:** BS in Physics

Presenter: Nicholas Pereyra

Discussion: revising and adding courses in the Pure and Biophysics concentrations and creating a third concentration, Educational Physics. Although not in the forms submitted to the UC, the representative also requested that Section C Language Proficiency section be revised to state that free electives may be substituted if language proficiency is demonstrated.

Motion to approve: Brush, Tomai

Vote: Approved 7-0

## II. **College of Health Affairs**

### 1. **Health and Human Performance**

- **Revise Course:** KINE 3355

Presenter: Randall Johnson

Discussion: Revising long and short titles and course description. These changes affect DPs : BIS Bilingual, Early Childhood, ELS, Special Ed.

Motion to approve: Brush, Hagerty

Vote: Approved 7-0

### 2. **Rehabilitation Services and Counseling**

- **Add Courses:** REHS 3380, 4320, 4365, 4370

- **Propose Program:** BS in Addiction Studies

Presenter: Eluterio Blanco

Discussion: Items taken together. Expand the Addiction Studies concentration to BS degree program. Courses to be added to support the proposed BS but can also be used as electives for others in REHAB program. PSYC 2301 will be required @ GEC since it is prerequisite for the PSYC support courses in major.

Motion to approve: Brownlow, Brush

Vote: Approved 7-0

## III. **College of Education and P-16 Integration**

### 1. **Bilingual and Literacy Studies**

- **Add Courses:** EDBE 4310, 4315
- **Propose Program:** Minor in Secondary Bilingual Education  
Presenter: Janine Schall  
Discussion: Items taken together. New classes to support the new minor in SBE. Will draw on students in secondary certification programs and those in UTEACH. Other majors may also take the minor.  
Confirmation that contact hours of both courses should be 3 instead of 45.  
Motion to approve: Graham, Hagerty  
Vote: Approved 7-0

### 2. Teaching and Learning

- **Revise Courses:** UTCH 1101, 1102, 3301, 3302, 3303, 4101, 4601  
Presenter: Janine Schall  
Discussion: Revision of prerequisites and course descriptions of UTEACH courses.  
Motion to approve: Brush, Schwarzbach  
Vote: Approved 7-0

## IV. College of Engineering and Computer Science

### 1. Mechanical Engineering

- **Revise Course:** MECE 2301  
Presenter: Bob Jones  
Discussion: Revision of prerequisite to allow CIVE students to take the course.  
Motion to approve: Brush, Tomai  
Vote: Approved 7-0

### 2. Civil Engineering

- **Add Courses:** CIVE 1101, 4359
- **Revise Courses:** CIVE 2220, 2340, 3300, 3315, 3324, 3331, 3341, 4190, 4290, 4315, 4346, 4349, 4351,
- **Delete Courses:** CIVE 1221, 3252
- **Revise Program:** BS in Civil Engineering  
Presenter: Thuy Vu  
Discussion: All items taken together. Adding, revising, and deleting courses to support the rapidly expanding CIVE program. Note that 2340 was approved in October 2016 is now being revised to 2440. 4190 changing to 4391 and 4290 to 4392.  
Revising degree plan in alignment with changes above. Remove PHIL 1310 from the GEC area  
Motion to approve: Brush, Tomai  
Vote: Approved 7-0

### 3. Computer Science

- **Revise Courses:** CSCI 1370, 3310, 3370, 4318, 4319, 4334, 4345, 4365
- **Revise Program:** BS in Computer Science

### 4. Electrical Engineering (Computer Engineering Program)

- **Revise Courses:** CMPE 1370, 4334, 4345, 4363
- **Revise Program:** BSCE in Computer Engineering

Presenter: Emmet Tomai

Discussion: All items in 3 and 4 taken together. The revisions are parallel since programs are closely related. Revisions in courses and changes in degree plans specified in forms.

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Motion to approve: Schwarzbach, Hagerty

Vote: Approved 7-0

### V. College of Liberal Arts

#### 1. Criminal Justice

- **Revise Courses:** all CRIJ courses
- **Revise Program:** BSCJ in Criminal Justice

Presenter: Philip Ethridge

Discussion: SOC 4331 was changed to SOCI 4333, a requirement for the CJ major. The change needs to be indicated in degree plan. Also request to align course prerequisites with the 2016 GEC category 010-Communication.

Motion to approve: Graham, Hagerty

Vote: Approved 7-0

#### 2. Communication

- **Revise Program:** BA in Communication Studies. Tabled. No representative present.

#### 3. Writing and Language Studies

- **Revise Program:** Minor in Medical Humanities

Presenter: Cynthia Jones

Discussion: Revisions to the minor degree plan. Change location of minor to the SIPCE in CLA rather than Writing and Language Studies. Dean and Chair approve of move.

Motion to approve: Hagerty, Graham

Vote: Approved 7-0

#### 4. Interdisciplinary Programs and Community Engagement

- **Revise Program:** Minor in Film Studies

Presenter: Linda Belau

Discussion: Making revisions to degree plan, noting especially the cross-listed sections of the FILM courses. Degree plan is now easier to follow. Also moving to SIPCE in CLA from the Department of Literatures and Cultural Studies.

Motion to approve: Hagerty, Brownlow

Vote: Approved 7-0

### VI. College of Business and Entrepreneurship

#### 1. Accountancy

- **Revise course:** ACCT 4329

Presenter: Linda Matthews

Discussion: Items 1, 3, 4, 5 taken together. ACCT to be cross-listed with 6329, already approved by Graduate Committee. Revise prerequisite for MARK 3300. Revise prerequisite for MGMT 4389. Add FINA 3390, 4350, 4384

Motion to approve: Hagerty, Brownlow

Vote: Approved 7-0

#### 2. International Business and Entrepreneurship

- **Revise Course:** INTB 3331
- **Propose Program:** Minor in Entrepreneurship

Presenter: John Sargent

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Discussion: Both items taken together. Revise prerequisite and schedule type. Add minor in entrepreneurship now that UTRGV has a major. On degree plan, notes with asterisks should be merged.

Motion to approve: Brownlow, Hagerty

Vote: Approved 7-0

3. **Marketing (see 1 above)**

- **Revise Course:** MARK 3300

4. **Management (see 1 above)**

- **Revise Course:** MGMT 4389

5. **Economics and Finance (see 1 above)**

- **Add Courses:** FINA 3390, 4350, 4384

## VII. College of Fine Arts

### 1. Art

- **Add Courses:** ARTS 3372, 3380, 4309, 4349

Presenter for all ART items: Donna Sweigert

Discussion: Add new courses due to new faculty.

Motion to approve: Brush, Tomai

Vote: Approved 7-0

- **Revise Courses:** ARTS 3396

Discussion: Revision of contact hours and course description.

Motion to approve: Graham, Brownlow

Vote: Approved 7-0

- **Revise Program:** BFA in Art (Focus in Studio Art), BFA in Art (Focus in Graphic Design), BA in Art (Focus in Latin American History), BA in Art (Focus on Visual Art), Minor in Art

Discussion: BFA in Art (focus in Studio Art and Graphics Design), BA in Art (Focus in Latin American History), and Art Minor: adding 4 new courses as part of the list of electives

BA in Art (Focus on Visual Art): requesting to remove track as students should be following a BFA degree. Teacher certification track will not be deleted. Confirmation that the BA in Art degree will continue but will only be offered with a teacher certification track.

BFA in Art (focus in Graphic Design) was revised on Dec 2016

Add minor in Art.

Motion to approve: Hagerty, Brownlow

Vote: Approved 7-0

### 2. Dance

- **Revise Program:** BA in Dance (Performance Track)

- **Propose Program:** BFA in Dance

Presenter: Francisco Muñoz

Discussion: The current BA in Dance (Performance Track) will become the new BFA in Dance which is more consistent with national standards in the field. The BA in Dance (Teaching Certification track will remain)

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Motion to approve: Tomai, Hagerty

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### D. REVISION OF UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS

- Second Language Proficiency Requirement

Presenter: Ana Peña-Oliva

Discussion: Include language in the catalogue's proficiency description to include courses SPAN 1313 and 1314 as specific course options especially for Heritage Spanish Learners who do not need to take entry-level language courses.

Motion to approve: Tomai, Hagerty

Vote: Approved 7-0

- Discussion of Course Re-Use Policy

1. How policy is applied to double majors, multiple majors, minors.

Dr. Brown will lead this discussion via email and we will vote electronically if necessary.

### E. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Presenter: Rosa Peña: 1. Status of policy decision on transfer of D grades: not yet approved by Provost and President. 2. Start date for new programs will be Fall 2018.

### F. MEETING ADJOURNED @ 11:30.