

# Undergraduate Education Committee Meeting

## MINUTES

November 11, 2016

9:00 am – 11:00 am

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Committee Present: Clara Downey-Adams (Chair), Emmet Tomai, Art Brownlow, Andrea Schwarzbach, Margaret Graham (Secretary), Joel Chirinos

Committee Excused: Tim Brush

Deputy Provost Office: Cynthia Brown, Rosa Peña, Donna Jackson

Visitors/Representatives: Robert Bradley (HRL), Gabriel Gonzalez (BV), Andras Balogh, Cristina Villalobos, Santanu Chakraborty, Mark Winkel, Sofia Montes (ED)

**A. INTRODUCTION/WELCOME:** Call to order: 9:00 a.m.

**B. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Review of Minutes from October 14, 2016 meeting. Motion: Brownlow, Schwarzbach. Approved 6-0.

**C. REVIEW OF SUBMISSIONS**

**a. Honors College**

**1. *Revise Course:* HONR 2387, HONR 2388**

Revise core honors courses course descriptions: 2387 will cover Western civilizations, 2388 will cover non-Western civilizations. Robert Bradley represented Honors Program.

Motion: Graham, Schwarzbach. Approve: 6-0.

**b. College of Science**

**1. **Statistical and Mathematical Sciences** (Chakraborty made presentation for group; Villalobos and Balogh also present)**

- *Add Program:* BS in Statistics

Program to start Fall 2017. This is the first step toward a full proposal with more detail on curriculum and courses. The committee expressed concern about the change of MATH 3331 Applied Statistics (upper division) to MATH 2331 (lower division). This change is significant for several other programs like BMED that require the course. This proposed change must be discussed with other affected programs before final UEC approval of program is given. Many professional and graduate schools in the sciences want to see that students have taken an upper-level stats course so this change may require that a separate course be developed.

Motion to approve this step of new-program process only. A more developed proposal with additional details and plan for MATH 2331 course will need to be re-presented to committee in future, after deliberations with other affected programs. Motion: Graham, Tomai. Approve: 6-0.

**c. College of Liberal Arts**

**1. **Sociology and Anthropology****

- *Revise Course:* ANTH 3343, ANTH 3344

Revise schedule type to INT from LEC and allow repeats for additional credit. Legacy courses from UTPA. Margaret Graham presented. Motion: Tomai, Brownlow. Approve 6-0.

**2. **Interdisciplinary Programs and Community Engagement****

- *Revise Course:* SPAN 2389. Revise course title.

- *Revise Program:* BA in Spanish Translation and Interpreting, Minor in Spanish Translation

Updating title of SPAN 2389, deleting TRSP/SPAN 3341 and the option TRSP/SPAN 4345 and 4348 which reduces the hours of the major from 51 to 45. TRSP/SPAN 4345 and 4348 are included in the list of Restricted Electives.

Update title of SPAN 2389 and delete TRSP 3341, minor hours will be reduced from 21 to 18.

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Gabriel Gonzalez presented. Motion: Graham Tomai. Approve 6-0.

### 3. Psychological Sciences (Mark Winkel presenting)

- *Add Course:* PSYC 4314
- *Delete Courses:* PSYC 2102 (course is no longer useful)
- *Revise Course:* PSYC 2401, 3405 (make them 2301 and 3305; eliminate separate lab and incorporate into class)
- *Revise Program:* BS in Psychology. Revise program to remove minor for psychology majors, and include changes to add, revise, and delete courses. BS is in alignment with direction of department (now Dept. of Psychological Science)
- *Delete Program:* BA in Psychology

Motion: Brownlow, Graham. Approve all changes 6-0.

### D. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Request 2-week turnaround for new program proposals. Deadline for other submissions remains 1 week.

B. Dr. Brown is seeking a replacement representative from the University College.

C. Dr. Downey-Adams announced that the VCoBE is in the final stages of developing and soon will submit for UEC consideration their proposal of a pre-MBA Business Undergraduate minor.

### E. MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:33 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Margaret Graham on 11.19.2016