

Undergraduate Committee Meeting

Minutes

April 13, 2018

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Present UC: Clara Downey-Adams, Robert Jones, Hsuying Ward, Daniel Hunter-Holly, Jeannean Ryman, Margaret Graham and Marilyn Hagerty

Absent UC Members: Kathryn Perez and Joel Chirinos

Present Deputy Provost Office: Rosa Peña

Present Office of Academic and Institutional Excellence (OAIE): Laura Saenz, Vice President OAIE

Visitors in Brownsville: Owen Temby (COS), Vejoya Viren (CEP)

Visitors in Edinburg: Criselda Garcia (CEP), Jungseok Ho (COECS), Thuy Vu (COECS), Maysam Pournik (COECS), Jameela Banu (CoHA), Friederike Bruehoefener (CLA), Linda English (CLA), Andras Balogh (COS), Joanne Rampersad-Ammons (COS), Penny Simpson (VCOBE), Linda Matthews (VCOBE), Vanessa Valdez (Registrar's Office) and Michelle Madrid (Registrar's Office)

Visitors in Harlingen: Art Brownlow (CFA), Celeste Trevino (Admissions), Russell Adams (VCOBE), Samantha Castellanos (Student Academic Success), Christopher Vitek (COS) and Peter-James Ehimika (Student Academic Success- did not sign in)

A. CALL TO ORDER @ 9:00 am

B. REVIEW OF MINUTES – March 9, 2018

Approval of Minutes: Motion to Approve: Graham, Ward

Approved: (7 - 0)

C. REVIEW OF SUBMISSIONS

a. College of Liberal Arts

1. Interdisciplinary Programs and Community Engagement

- Revise Program: Minor in Gender and Women's Studies

Presenter: Linda English

Discussion: 1) Students may choose from the presented list of courses. 2) Add a note at the bottom of the minor: “*Students will be required to meet pre-requisites. Contact the course department for other information.”

Motion to Approve with Revision: Graham, Ryman Approved with Revision: (7 - 0)

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b. College of Education and P-16 Integration

1. Bilingual and Literacy Studies

- Revise Courses: EDBE 3322, 3323, 3324, 4305, 4306

Presenter: Criselda Garcia

Discussion: The department is realigning pre-requisites. The coursework for the major will usually take three years.

Motion to Approve: Jones, Ward

Approved: (7 - 0)

2. Human Development and School Services

- Revise Course: ECED 4395

Presenter: Vejoya Viren

Discussion: This is only a change in the description.

Motion to Approve: Ward, Graham

Approved: (7 - 0)

3. Teaching and Learning

- Revise Courses: EDCI 3333, 3334, 3335, 3336, UTCH 1101, 3302

Presenter: Criselda Garcia

Motion to Approve: Jones, Graham

Approved: (7 - 0)

c. Robert C. Vackar College of Business and Entrepreneurship

1. Accountancy

- Add Course: ACCT 4355

Presenter: Penny Simpson

Motion to Approve: Graham, Ward

Approved: (7 - 0)

2. International Business and Entrepreneurship

Presenter: Russell Adams

- Add Course: INTB 3350

Discussion: Change form to read Not Repeatable.

Motion to Approve: Hunter-Holly, Ryman

Approved: (7 - 0)

- Add Programs: Minor in Global Logistics, Minor in International Business

Discussion: Change pre-requisite to MATH 1324 or higher.

Motion to Approve both minors: Graham, Ward

Approved: (7 - 0)

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d. College of Health Affairs

1. Health and Biomedical Sciences

- Delete Courses: DIET 3252, 3253, 3257, 3353, 3655, 4252, 4258, 4259, 4356, 4455, 4752

Presenter: Jameela Banu

Discussion: The Dietetics program has closed. There are no students currently in the old program. This will remove the old dietetics coursework.

Motion to Approve: Jones, Hagerty Approved: (7 - 0)

e. College of Sciences

1. Chemistry

- Add Courses: CHEM 3106

Presenter: Joanne Rampersad-Ammons

Discussion: The CHEM 3306 will not require a lab which is co-requisite for the lecture.

Motion to Approve: Graham, Ryman Approved: (7 - 0)

2. Earth, Environmental and Marine Sciences

- Add Course: ENVR 4357

Presenter: Owen Temby

Discussion: Changing the POLS 4357 to ENVR 4357. The description was revised and submitted to indicate its focus as a science course rather than a POLS course. There is no cross listing with POLS 4357 and no pre-requisite in POLS.

Motion to Approve: Graham, Hunter-Holly

Approved: (7 - 0)

- Add Course: MARS 3250

Presenter: Joanne Rampersad-Ammons

Discussion: MARS 3250 is an elective lab for two programs which will be run during the mini-mester.

Motion to Approve: Graham, Hunter-Holly Approved: (7 - 0)

3. Biology

- UCert in Medical Entomology

Presenter: Christopher Vitek

Motion to Approve: Graham, Hunter-Holly Approved: (7 - 0)

4. Mathematical and Statistical Sciences

- Add Course: MATH 3449

This item was tabled.

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- Add Courses: MATH 3300

Presenter: Andras Balogh

Motion to Approve: Graham, Jones

Approved: (7 - 0)

- Revise Course: MATH 4390

Presenter: Andras Balogh

Recommendation: Change the pre-requisites and co-requisites to read credit for or enrollment in all the said courses.

Motion to Approve: Jones, Hunter-Holly

Approved: (7 - 0)

f. College of Engineering and Computer Science

1. Civil Engineering

- Revise Courses: CIVE 1101, 2220, 3115, 3345, 4335, 4349, 4350, 4359, 4392

Presenter: Thuy Vu

Motion to Approve: Graham, Ryman

Approved: (7 - 0)

- Revise Course: CIVE 4391

Presenter: Thuy Vu

Discussion - Revision to CIVE 4391 pre-requisites: 1) Senior Standing; 2) 2.4 Minimum GPA; 3) Maximum of 15 hours/semester. Suggestion: Senior year students plan to not take more than 30 credits.

Motion to Approve with Revisions: Hunter-Holly, Jones

Approved: (7 - 0)

2. Computer Science

- Revise Courses: CSCI 4334

Presenter: Robert Jones

Discussion: Text change to CSCI 2380 and CSCI 2333.

Motion to Approve: Graham, Ward

Approved: (6 - 1 abstained)

3. Electrical Engineering

- Revise Course: CMPE 1370, CMPE 4334

This item was tabled.

4. Mechanical Engineering

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- Revise Course: MECE 3449
This item was tabled.

- Revise Courses: MECE 4371, 4372
Presenter: Maysam Pournik
Motion to Approve: Hunter-Holly, Graham Approved: (7 - 0)

- Add Program: Undergraduate Certificate in Petroleum Engineering
Presenter: Maysam Pournik
Motion to Approve: Graham, Ward Approved: (7 - 0)

D. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Academic Policies
 - Academic Appeals Policy
Motion to Approve: Graham, Ward Approved: (7 - 0)

 - Double Major Policy
Motion to Approve: Graham, Ward Approved: (7 - 0)

- Blanket Memos – Course Substitutions and Waivers

- Degree Plan Revisions
 - BS in Marine Biology: removed PHYS 1402 requirement.

- Schedule Type Revisions
 - HPRS 4330 changed to a seminar type

 - PHYS 3101, 3102, 4101, 4104, 4300 changed from lecture style to independent study.

- Retiring UC Members (term ending): Joel Chirinos, Marilyn Hagerty and Daniel Hunter-Holly

E. MEETING ADJOURN @ 11:33 am