

Undergraduate Committee Meeting

Minutes

March 9, 2018

9:00 am – 11:00 am

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

Present Deputy Provost Office: Cynthia Brown, Deputy Provost, Art Brownlow, Donna Jackson and Rosa Peña

Visitors in Brownsville: Leticia Jaramillo (Academic Advising), Bervick Simon (Academic Advising), Ulku Karabulut (COHA), Murat Karabulut (COHA) and Kendra Stine (COHA)

Visitors in Edinburg: Gerardo Aponte-Martinez (CEP), Veronica Estrada (CEP), Irasema Gonzalez (CEP), Andres Figueroa (COECS), Peter Mikolasky (CFA), Joy Barros (COHA), Gavino Garza (COHA), Gregory Gilson (CLA), Thomas Daniel Knight (CLA), Nicolas A Pereyra (COS), Joanne Rampersad-Ammons (COS), Linda Matthews (VCOBE), Alicia Espinoza (Academic Advising), Michelle Madrid (Registrar) and Vanessa Valdez (Registrar)

Visitors in Harlingen: Immanuel Edinbarough (COECS), James Frost (CLA), Dania Lopez Garcia (CLA), Ryan Bessett (CLA), Andrea Schwarzbach (COHA), Laura M Saenz (Office of Accreditation and Assessment), and Celeste Trevino (Undergraduate Admissions)

A. **CALL TO ORDER @ 9:00 am**

B. **REVIEW OF MINUTES – February 9, 2018**

Approval of Minutes: Motion to Approve: Graham, Ward Approved: (9 - 0)

C. **REVIEW OF SUBMISSIONS**

1. **College of Liberal Arts**

a. **Sociology and Anthropology**

- Delete Courses: SOCI 2305, 4391
- Revise Courses: ANTH 3304, 3305, 3323, 3333, 3363, 3375, 3380
- Revise Program: BA in Sociology, BA Anthropology

Presenter (Anthropology and Sociology): Margaret Graham

Motion to approve change of ANTH courses from 3000 to 4000 level courses:

Jones, Chirinos Approved: (9 - 0)

Motion to approve revised BA in Anthropology: Hunter-Holly, Perez

Approved: (9 - 0)

Motion to approve revised BA in Sociology and deleted SOCI courses:

Ward, Hagerty Approved: (9 - 0)

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b. History

- Revise Program: BA in History (Non-Teacher Certification and Teacher Certification) and Social Studies Composite (Non-Teacher Certification and Teacher Certification)

Presenter: Thomas Daniel Knight

Motion to Approve: Graham, Ward

Approved: (9 - 0)

c. Philosophy

- Revise Program: BA in Philosophy

Presenter: Gregory Gilson

Motion to Approve: Hagerty, Perez

Approved: (9 - 0)

d. Psychological Services

- Add Course: PSYC 4330
- Revise Program: BS in Psychology

Presenter: Margaret Graham

Motion to Approve: Jones, Ryman

Approved: (9 - 0)

e. Writing and Language Studies

- Add Courses: SPAN 1313, 3313, 3315
- Revise Courses: SPAN 1311, 1312, 1313, 1314, 2313, 2314, 2315, 3300, 3301
- Revise: Minor in Spanish

Presenter: Ryan Bessett

Discussion: The Spanish program plans to implement a placement exam which would be used to place students into the correct SPANISH track based on level of proficiency.

Motion to Approve as One Block: Ward, Perez Approved: (9 - 0)

2. College of Education and P-16 Integration

a. Human Development and School Services

- Add Courses: ECED 4395
- Revise Courses: ECEC 2310, 4312, 4214
- Revise Program: BS in Early Care and Early Childhood Studies

Presenter: Irasema Gonzalez

Discussion: The BIS Track for Early Childhood will be phased out. NOTE: Since ECED 4395 is STEAM for Young Children course, the description of ECED 4395 should be amended to include "art".

Motion to Approve: Graham, Ward

Approved: (9 - 0)

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b. Teaching and Learning

- Revise Courses: EDCI 3333, 3334, 3335, 3336

NOTE: There was no representative present; therefore, these revised EDCI courses were tabled until the next meeting.

- Revise Courses: EDUC 3301, 3302, 3303, 3304, 4306, 4611, READ 4305

Presenter: Veronica Estrada

Motion to approve revised EDUC courses and READ course:

Ward, Chirinos

Approved: (9 - 0)

- Add Program: Minor in All-Level/Secondary Education
- Revise Programs: All programs with Teacher Certification

Presenter: Veronica Estrada

Motion to approve addition of new minor and revision of all programs with Teacher

Certification: Ward, Ryman

Approved: (9 - 0)

3. Robert C. Vackar College of Business and Entrepreneurship

Presenter: Linda Matthews

- Add Course: BUSA 4089

Presenter: Linda Matthews

Discussion: Change BUSA 4089 Schedule Type to Independent Study. This Senior Assessment will be a pilot for 2018-2019. It would be helpful to have MGMT 4389 as a co-requisite. In this way, the assessment could be taken out of the classroom; however, is tied to the course.

Motion to Approve: Hunter-Holly, Ward

Approved: (9 - 0)

- Revise Programs: All Business Degrees

NOTE: Since INFS 1001 will be implemented as a pilot to check the computer proficiency of business students, the revision of all Business degrees to include INFS 1001 is being tabled at this time.

a. Information Systems

- Add Course: INFS 1001

Presenter: Linda Matthews

Discussion: Instead of adding INFS 1001 to all Business degree plans at this time. VCOBE will pilot INFS 1001. INFS 1001 will provide both a test on computer proficiency and study materials for those students who do not demonstrate adequate computer proficiency.

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c. Communication Sciences and Disorders

- Add Courses: ASLI 2310, 3310, 3320, 4310
- Revise Courses: COMD 1310, 1320
- Delete Courses: SGNL 1301, 1302

Presenter: Jeannean Ryman

Motion to Approve: Graham, Perez

Approved: (8-0)

5. College of Sciences

a. Physics and Astronomy

- Delete Program: BS in Physical Sciences

Presenter: Nicolas A Pereyra

Discussion: There will be a teach-out plan provided for current students with a BS in Physical Science major.

Motion to Approve: Graham, Ward

Approved: (8-0)

b. Chemistry

Presenter: Joanne Rampersad-Ammons

- Add Courses: CHEM 4308, 4309, 4310, 4311

Motion to Approve: Graham, Perez

Approved: (8-0)

- Revise Courses: CHEM 3301, 4105 (change to 4305), 4325

Motion to Approve: Graham, Ryman

Approved: (8-0)

- Delete Courses: CHEM 3202, 3206, 3308, 4101, 4206, 4301

Motion to Approve: Graham, Chirinos

Approved: (8-0)

- Revise Programs: BS in Chemistry Non-Teacher Certification and Teacher Certification)

Motion to Approve: Graham, Ryman

Approved: (8-0)

6. College of Engineering and Computer Science

a. Revise Programs: All Engineering Programs

Presenter: Robert Jones

Motion to Approve: Graham, Ward

Approved: (8-0)

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b. Manufacturing and Industrial Engineering

Presenter: Immanuel Edinbarough

- Add Courses: ENGT 1105, 1201, 3300, 3301, 3303, 3318, 3324, 4201, 4202, 4315, 4326, 4335
- Revise Courses: ENGT 2307, 2310

Motion to Approve: Graham, Ryman

Approved: (8-0)

- Revise Program: BS in Engineering Technology

Motion to Approve: Jones, Graham

Approved: (8-0)

c. Computer Science

- Revise Program: BSCS in Computer Science

Presenter: Andres Figueroa

Motion to Approve: Ryman, Graham

Approved: (8-0)

7. College of Fine Arts

a. Theatre

Presenter: Peter Mikolasky

- Revise Courses: THTF 1336, 3361, 4362

Discussion: THTF 2361 should be a co-requisite, not a pre-requisite of THTF 1336

Motion to Approve (with revision): Graham, Chirinos Approved: (8-0)

- Revise Programs: BA in Theatre (Non-Teacher Certification and Teacher Certification)

Motion to Approve: Graham, Ward

Approved: (8-0)

D. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Criminal Background Check Statement placed on degree plans which may require a Criminal Background Check for licensing at graduation.
2. Class Size: Lists of all small (UG: below 10 and GR: below 5) and justification for the low class size is required. Memos are being sent to colleges and departments to ask them to change courses which qualify from Lecture to Independent Study.
3. The Undergraduate Committee is being moved under the Office of Accreditation and Assessment. Laura, M. Saenz, Associate Provost for Assessment & Continuous Improvement

E. MEETING ADJOURN @ 11:40 am