

Undergraduate Committee Meeting

Minutes

November 9, 2018

9:00am-11:00am

Present UC Members in Harlingen: Clara Downey, Hsuying Ward, Jonathan Guist, Jaime Mancha, Carlton Nelson

Present UC Members in Edinburg via Zoom: Jeannean Ryman

Present UC Members via Zoom: SJ Kumar

Absent UC Members: Tim Brush, Margaret Graham

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

Guests: Igor Ryabov, Nicolas Pereyra, Nicholas Dimakis, Donald Lyles, David Carren, Betty John, Dongkyu Kim, Linda Matthews, Russell Adams, Jianzhi Li, Mounir Ben Ghalia, Michelle Madrid, Celeste Trevino, Peter-James Ehimika, Alicia Espinoza, Leticia Jaramillo, Samantha Castellanos.

CALL TO ORDER @ 9:00am

B. REVIEW OF MINUTES – October 12, 2018

Approval of Minutes: Motion to Approve: Nelson/Ward **Approved:** Unanimous

C. REVIEW OF SUBMISSIONS

a. College of Fine Arts

1. Art

- Revise Course: ARTS 3311
 - Presenter: Donald Lyles
 - **Motion to Approve:** Nelson, Ward **Approved:** Unanimous

2. Theatre

- Add Course: THTF 4304
 - Presenter: David Carren
 - Discussion: Explanation requested on why SLO's are variable. Carren explained that because this is independent study, projects are variable from theatre to film and this will also give flexibility to the individual instructors depending on whether it is theatre or film.
 - **Motion to Approve:** Ward/Guist **Approved:** Unanimous

b. College of Liberal Arts

1. Sociology and Anthropology

- Revise Courses: SOCI 4325, 4326, 4343, 4360, 4385, 4373, 4380, 4385
- Delete Course: SOCI 4331
 - Presenter: Igor Ryabov

- Discussion: SOCI 4331 was created during the merge thinking that there was going to be an increase on demand, but demand did not increase, and the course was never offered; therefore, the decision was to delete the course. The revision of the courses consists on revising prerequisites to increase graduation rates and to graduate on time. Explanation requested if the revision of prerequisites will allow students to successfully complete the courses. Dr. Ryabov confirmed that students will successfully complete the courses even with just the foundation course SOCI 1301.
- **Motion to Approve all courses at once:** Nelson/Ward **Approved:** Unanimous

2. Political Science

- Revise Course: POLS 3319, 3391, 3392
 - Presenter: Dongkyu Kim
 - Discussion: Dr. Kim explained that the revision was requested by the Texas System Archer Fellowship Archer Center about two years ago but our catalog was not revised. The request is to make the course titles consistent with the Archer Center.
 - **Motion to Approve:** Mancha/Guist **Approved:** Unanimous

c. Robert C. Vackar College of Business and Entrepreneurship

1. Blanket Waiver

- Revise Program: All Business Degrees
 - Presenter: Linda Matthews
 - Discussion: The college requires for all students to complete MATH 1324 in the core curriculum, but they have seen issues with those students that came in core complete with other Math course. Dr. Matthews explained that this waiver is for all students (transfer and freshman) that have credit for any other Math course.
 - **Motion to Approve:** Nelson/Ward **Approved:** Unanimous

2. International Business and Entrepreneurship

- Add Course: INTB 4340, 4367
 - Presenter: Russell Adams
 - Discussion: Dr. Adams explained that INTB 4340 was going to be available in the International Business degree and as an elective in the Materials Management and Logistics degree.
 - **Motion to Approve:** Guist/Ward **Approved:** Unanimous
- Revise Program: BS in Materials Management
 - Presenter: Russell Adams
 - Discussion: Dr. Adams explained that MGMT 4367 will be replaced with the new course INTB 4367 and will add INTB 4340 as an elective. The reason of the replacement is because MGMT 4367 is a broad course and not providing the sufficient knowledge needed in logistics. Rosie Peña asked if no pre-requisite/co-requisites are needed for INTB 4367. Dr. Adams confirmed that course could be taken at any point since no prerequisites or co-requisites are needed. Dr. Downey asked if students should have to have the foundation courses in order to the class. Dr. Adams response: Students must be admitted to COBE in order to

take these courses which means that the foundation courses will have already been taken.

- **Motion to Approve:** Mancha/Ward **Approved:** Unanimous
- Revise Program: BBA in International Business (Add INTB 4340 & INTB 4367 and a Study Abroad elective)
 - Presenter: Russell Adams
 - Discussion: Dr. Adams explained that they are trying for this program to be a more applied and practical degree rather than theoretical degree and the first step was to add INTB 4340 as a required course. It will also include a study abroad course as an option in the restricted electives section. Rosie Peña asked if INTB 4340 will be added as a required course. Dr. Adams clarified that one elective is being replaced with this new course so as not to add to the total SCHs of the degree plan. The foundation hours will increase to 27 hours and the electives will be reduced to 3 instead of 6. Study Abroad is limited to one that originates from COBE to insure relevancy. Requested that this be clarified on the degree plan.
 - **Motion to Approve:** Ward/Mancha **Approved:** Unanimous

d. **College of Engineering and Computer Science**

1. **Manufacturing and Industrial Engineering**

- Revise Course: MANE 3437
 - Presenter: Jianzhi Li
 - Discussion: Dr. Li explained that the revision was to update the course number in one of the MATH courses listed as prerequisite since it has the old UTPA number.
 - **Motion to Approve:** Nelson/Ward **Approved:** Unanimous

2. **Electrical Engineering**

- Revise Course: ELEE 2305
 - Presenter: Mounir Ben Ghalia/Dr. Kumar
 - Discussion: Dr. Ben Ghalia explained the revision of the prerequisites for this course
Concern from Dr. Kumar that this change did not go through department committee and there may be cross-listing issues. Dr. Ghalia states the change was in fact approved unanimously at previous department meeting and that it does not impact other cross-listed courses.
 - **Motion to approve:** Due to lack of agreement between Drs. Ben Ghalia and Kumar there was unanimous consent among committee members to table this item pending conformation consensus from CECS faculty

e. **College of Education and P-16 Integration**

1. **Teaching and Learning**

- Revise Course: EDUC 3303
 - Presenter: Hsuying Ward
 - Discussion: Dr. Ward explained the revision in number of this course.
 - **Motion to Approve:** Nelson/Guist **Approved:** Unanimous

f. **College of Sciences**

1. Physics and Astronomy

- Delete Course: PHYS 4106
- Add Course: PHYS 3000, 4008
- Revise Course: PHYS 4201
- Revise Program: BS in Physics
 - Presenter: Nicholas Dimakis
 - Discussion: Dr. Dimakis explained the changes on the degree plan and the courses
 - **Motion to Approve:** Ward/Mancha **Approved:** Unanimous

g. School of Nursing

1. Nursing

- Revise Program: BSN in Nursing
 - Presenter: Betty John
 - Discussion: Dr. John explained the revision to the admission criteria to the BSN program for students that will be accepted for Fall 2019. New admission requirements will be effective Fall 2019.
 - **Motion to Approve:** Ward/Nelson **Approved:** Unanimous

D. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Review Process
 - Dr. Saenz requested feedback on how the new division of items process worked? Consensus is that it is working well so far
- Electronic Voting
 - Can some items be approved electronically?
 - Proposed that a smaller group (2 people rotating each meeting) meets after each document due date to go through the submissions and determine which need to go before full committee and which can be approved electronically. Committee agreed to try this out going forward. Nelson & Ward will review the items for the December 6 meeting.

E. MEETING ADJOURN @ 10:21AM