

# Undergraduate Committee Meeting

Agenda

AY 2020-2021

9:00 am – 11:00 am



## Agenda - December 11, 2020

### 1) Chairs Call to Order @ 9:02am

### 2) Roll Call

Business and Entrepreneurship	Ahmed Elnahas	Present
Engineering and Computer Science	Mounir Ben Ghalia	Present
Education and P-16 Integration	Janine Schall	Present
Fine Arts	Jonathan Guist	Present
Health Professions	Fidencio Mercado	Present
School of Nursing	Judy Voss	Present
School of Social Work	Noelia Alonzo	Present
Liberal Arts	Lucas Espinoza	Present
Science	Nicolas Pereyra	Present
University College	Jaime Mancha	Absent
Ex- Officio	Laura M. Saenz	Present

### 3) Old Business: Review of Minutes from October Undergraduate meetings

**Motion to approve October minutes:** Ms. Judy Voss

**Second:** Dr. Ahmed Elnahas

**8 Voted Yay:** Approved

### 4) New Business: Review of Submissions

#### College of Sciences

### 5) Department of Physics and Astronomy

a) **Delete Courses – ASTR 1103, ASTR 1104, ASTR 1303 and ASTR 1304** – Courses no longer needed. Courses were replaced with four credit hour versions. Implement fall 2021.

Name	Type
<a href="#">ASTR 1103 Introduction to Astronomy II Lab</a>	Delete Course
<a href="#">ASTR 1104 Introduction to Astronomy I Lab</a>	Delete Course
<a href="#">ASTR 1303 Introduction to Astronomy II</a>	Delete Course
<a href="#">ASTR 1304 Introduction to Astronomy I</a>	Delete Course

**Representative:** Dr. Nicolas Pereyra

**Motion to approve:** Dr. Ahmed Elnahas

**Second:** Mr. Fidencio Mercado

**8 Voted Yay:** Approved

**Notes:** Curriculum Management was reviewed and questions regarding deletions were discussed. Courses have not been offered for five years. Peter-James Ehimika asked about Stop-Out students who come back to the university, what will happen in these cases. Dr. Dimakis responded that a waiver would be recommended for those students.

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- b) **Change course – PHYS 4306** – changed prerequisite from consent of instructor to PHYS 3402. PHIL 3402 is on the program of study and is not a hidden prerequisite. Implement Fall 2021.

Name	Type
<a href="#">PHYS 4306 Advanced Physics Lab</a>	Change Course

**Representative:** Dr. Nicholas Pereyra

**Motion to approve:** Mr. Fidencio Mercado

**Second:** Ms. Judy Voss

**8 Voted Yay:** Approved

**Notes:** Curriculum Management was reviewed and questions regarding course prerequisite were discussed. Course was not previously a required prerequisite.

- c) **New courses** – PHYS 1311. Implement Fall 2022.

Name	Type
<a href="#">PHYS 1311 Learning to be a Physicist</a>	New Course

**Representative:** Dr. Nicolas Pereyra

**Motion to table current item & move on to Revise BS in Physics (revise to all 3 concentrations):**

Dr. Jonathan Guist

**Second:** Dr. Ahmed Elnahas

**Motion to move on to next item Revise BS in Physics (revise to all 3 concentrations):** Dr. Jonathan Guist

**Second:** Mr. Fidencio Mercado

**Motion to approve:** Mr. Fidencio Mercado

**Second:** Ms. Judy Voss

**6 Voted Yay:** Approved

**Notes:** Curriculum Management was reviewed and the new course proposal was discussed. Dr. Saenz asked about students who have taken PHYS 2425 and 2426 and they are on the new program of study will then have to take PHYS 1311. It was suggested by Dr. Pereyra to waive the course for those students.

- d) **Revise BS in Physics (revise to all three concentrations)** - Add PHYS 1311 and remove 3 credit hours of free electives. Implement Fall 2022.

Name	Type
<a href="#">Physics (Biophysics/Medical Physics), Bachelor of Science</a>	Change Program
<a href="#">Physics (Pure and Applied Physics), Bachelor of Science</a>	Change Program
<a href="#">Physics (Teacher Certification), Bachelor of Science</a>	Change Program

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**Representative:** Dr. Nicolas Pereyra

**Motion to approve:** Dr. Jonathan Guist

**Second:** Dr. Janine Schall

**8 Voted Yay:** Approved

**Notes:** PowerPoint was reviewed. For the record - PHYS 1311 is recommended to be waived if PHYS 2425 has been taken.

### 6) Department of Biology

- a) **New course – BIOL 4101** – adding 1 credit hour research seminar to course inventory. Course designed to assist students short 1 advanced credit hour in free electives. Course not required on degree plan. Implement Fall 2021.

Name	Type
<a href="#">BIOL 4101 Biology Research Seminar</a>	New Course

**Representative:** Dr. Kristine Lowe

**Motion to approve:** Dr. Mounir Ben Ghalia

**Second:** Dr. Ahmed Elnahas

**7 Voted Yay:** Approved

**Notes:** PowerPoint proposal was reviewed and discussed. Rosie Pena asked about new courses being used on previous catalog years and considering blanket substitutions to be applied. Dr. Saenz pointed out that this question is included on the New Course proposal form.

- b) **New course – BIOL 3425** – Course being added to prescribed elective choices on the BS in Biology (Biological Science) under the category of Developmental/Morphology. Course being added to prescribed elective choices BS in Biology (with minor) under the category of Organismal. Implement Fall 2021.

Name	Type
<a href="#">BIOL 3425 Vertebrate Osteology</a>	New Course

**Representative:** Dr. Kristine Lowe

**Motion to approve:** Dr. Nicolas Pereyra

**Second:** Ms. Judy Voss

**6 Voted Yay:** Approved

**Notes:** PowerPoint proposal was reviewed and discussed.

- c) **Revise BS in Biology (Biological Science)** – add BIOL 3425 to program of study under the category of Developmental/Morphology. Implement Fall 2021.

Name	Type
<a href="#">Biology (Biological Science), Bachelor of Science</a>	Change Program

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**Representative:** Dr. Kristine Lowe  
**Motion to approve:** Mr. Fidencio Mercado  
**Second:** Dr. Mounir Ben Ghalia  
**7 Voted Yay:** Approved

**Notes:** PowerPoint proposal was reviewed and discussed.

- d) **BS in Biology (with minor)** – add BIOL 3425 to program of study under the category of Organismal. Implement Fall 2021.

Name	Type
<a href="#">Biology (Minor Required), Bachelor of Science</a>	Change Program

**Representative:** Dr. Kristine Lowe  
**Motion to approve:** Dr. Ahmed Elnahas  
**Second:** Dr. Janine Schall  
**7 Voted Yay:** Approved

**Notes:** PowerPoint proposal was reviewed and discussed.

### College of Liberal Arts

#### 7) Department of Political Science

- a) **Revise Course – POLS 4370** – revise prerequisites to add POLS 2470. POLS 2470 is not a hidden prerequisite. Remove old POLS courses from prerequisites. Implement Fall 2021.

Name	Type
<a href="#">POLS 4370 Senior Research Seminar</a>	Change Course

**Representative:** Dr. Dongku Kim  
**Motion to approve:** Dr. Ahmed Elnahas  
**Second:** Mr. Fidencio Mercado  
**7 Voted Yay:** Approved

**Notes:** Curriculum Management was reviewed.

#### 8) Announcements/Informational Items

- a) **Next meeting** – January 22, 2021

**Motion to adjourn:** Dr. Janine Schall  
**Second:** Dr. Mounir Ben Ghalia  
**Meeting adjourned:** 10:31am

**Others Present:** Thelma Leal, Laura Hernandez, Leticia Garza

**Open Invitation to Campus Participants/Observers:** Contact [undergradcommittee@utrgv.edu](mailto:undergradcommittee@utrgv.edu) if you would like to be a guest at the meeting.

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