

Joint Committee Meeting

Minutes

AY 2021-2022

Meeting Time 10:00 am – 12:00 pm



Joint Meeting of the Undergraduate and Graduate Committees February 18th, 2022

- 1) Chairs Call to Order (GR Chair – Nancy Razo)
- 2) Roll Call @10:05 am
 - a) Undergraduate Committee (UG Chair – Lucas Espinoza)

Members:	College:	Present/Absent
Ahmed Elnahas	Business and Entrepreneurship	Present
Mounir Ben Ghali	Engineering and Computer Science	Present
Janine Schall	Education and P-16 Integration	Present
Robert Gilbert	Fine Arts	Present
Fidencio Mercado	Health Professions	Present
Betty John	School of Nursing	Present
Noelia Alonzo	School of Social Work	Present
Lucas Espinoza	Liberal Arts	Present
Nicolas Pereyra	Science	Present
Marilyn Hagerty	University College	Present
Justin White	University Library	Present
Laura M. Saenz	Curriculum & Institutional Assessment, Ex-Officio	Present

b) Graduate Committee (GR Chair – Nancy Razo)

Members:	College:	Present/Absent
Charles Roush	University Library	Present
Nancy Razo	College of Education & P-16 Integration	Present
George Amorim	College of Fine Arts	Present
Mataz Alcoutlabi	College of Engineering and Computer Science	Present
Lilia Fuentes	School of Nursing	Present
Helene Krouse	School of Medicine	Present
Leyla Feize	School of Social Work	
Wanrong Hou	Vackar College of Business and Entrepreneurship	Present
Kimberly Selber	College of Liberal Arts	Present
Lisa Salinas	College of Health Professions	Present
Rupesh Kariyat	College of Science	

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Sandra Hansmann	Graduate College, Ex Officio	Present
Laura Saenz	Curriculum & Institutional Assessment Office, Ex Officio	Present

3) Consent Agenda

a) Minutes January 21st, 2022

4) New Business: Review of Submissions

a) College of Liberal Arts

i) Department of Literature and Cultural Studies – **Presenter: Cameron**

(1) New fast-track program

Name	Type	Comment	Effective Year
BA in English (any concentration) to MA in English (Literature and Cultural Studies Concentration) Fast-track Program	New Fast-track Program	Adding a 4+1 Fast Track program. Program will accept applications from qualifying seniors as early as fall 2022. Qualifying students will begin program spring 2023. Materials provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fast-track proposal Course syllabi Faculty Governance Supporting Documentation 	AY 22 - 23

Motion to approve program: Wang Hou (GR)

Second: Mounir Ben Ali (UG)

Motion Passes

Notes: The GPA will only be added with the program GPA of 3.5. Can a program go above 90 hours for the graduate degree? No, it makes it difficult for Graduate College for admissions. The program wants to be 90 hours, not 96. Can students in any concentration in the BA apply for this program? Yes, any student in these concentrations can apply.

b) College of Business and Entrepreneurship

i) School of Accountancy - **Presenter: Linda Acevedo**

(1) New fast-track program

Name	Type	Comments	Effective Year
BBA in Accounting to MA in Accounting Fast-track Program	New Fast-track Program	Adding a 4+1 Fast Track program. Program will accept applications from qualifying seniors as early as fall 2022. Qualifying students will begin program spring 2023. Materials provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fast-track proposal Course syllabi 	AY 22 - 23

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faculty Governance Supporting Documentation 	
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Motion to approve program: Marilyn Hagerty (UG)

Second: George Amorim (GR)

Motion Passes

Notes – are the maximum number of graduate courses must 5 courses? It is up to the discretion of the program, but the max is 5 courses or 12 hours. How are admissions handled in the program? They look at the letter of intent and the CV to determine what a student goals are. The Department also has a committee that reviews the applications. The committee recommends that the program doesn't include the Letter of Intent or the CV. The program will remove them. How many students are anticipated in the program? The total number is unknown.

c) College of Liberal Arts

i) Department of Anthropology

(1) Cross leveled course approval – **Presented by Sarah Rowe**

Name	Type	Comments	Effective Year
Permanent approval of cross leveled pairs	Cross leveled pairs	<p>The Dept. of Anthropology is recertifying approval to cross list undergraduate and graduate courses on the schedule. With this approval, these pairings will be allowed to be co-convened on the schedule without annual approval until the next recertification period (estimated 3 years).</p> <p>Materials provided: (access via OneDrive link)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cross level form for each undergraduate/graduate pair Course syllabi for each undergraduate and graduate course Faculty Governance Supporting Documentation 	AY 22 - 23

Motion to approve program: Mataz Alcoutlabi (GR)

Second: Noelia Alonzo (UG)

Motion Passes

Notes – will these courses have different measures for the two sets of students? Yes, the learning outcomes are more rigorous for the master's students. Some of those differences are more readings, in-depth writing, leading discussion, etc. Are all courses cross leveled in these programs? All but two courses that aren't applicable to these programs (in___). If a student takes the undergraduate degree and wants to take the masters, they will only be required to take one course at the master's level (ANTH 4345). Master students will be advised to take

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courses that aren't the same, but if they do the syllabi will be district enough that the course won't be the same at the undergraduate level.

Course Pairs

Pair	Undergraduate Course	Graduate Course
1	ANTH 4303 Forensic Anthropology	ANTH 6303 Forensic Anthropology
2	ANTH 4304 Indians of North America	ANTH 6304 Indians of North America
3	ANTH 4305 Great Discoveries in Archaeology	ANTH 6305 Great Discoveries in Archaeology
4	ANTH 4306 Anthropology of Borders	ANTH 6306 Anthropology of Borders
5	ANTH 4307 Maritime Archaeology	ANTH 6307 Maritime Archaeology
6	ANTH 4308 Comparative Colonialism	ANTH 6308 Comparative Colonialism
7	ANTH 4309 Anthropology of Sex and Gender	ANTH 6309 Anthropology of Sex and Gender
8	ANTH 4310 Food and Culture	ANTH 6310 Food and Culture
9	ANTH 4311 Medical Anthropology	ANTH 6311 Medical Anthropology
10	ANTH 4312 Political and Legal Anthropology	ANTH 6312 Political and Legal Anthropology
11	ANTH 4314 Environmental Anthropology	ANTH 6314 Environmental Anthropology
12	ANTH 4315 Discovering the RGV	ANTH 6315 Discovering the RGV
13	ANTH 4317 Field Experiences in the Borderlands	ANTH 6317 Field Experiences in the Borderlands
14	ANTH 4320 Anthropology of Conflict	ANTH 6320 Anthropology of Conflict
15	ANTH 4323 Mexican American Culture	ANTH 6323 Mexican American Culture
16	ANTH 4345 Anthropology Method and Theory	ANTH 6345 Anthropology Method and Theory
17	ANTH 4348 People and Cultures of Mexico	ANTH 6348 People and Cultures of Mexico
18	ANTH 4350 Mexican American Folk Medicine	ANTH 6350 Mexican American Folk Medicine
19	ANTH 4351 Advanced Global Health	ANTH 6351 Advanced Global Health
20	ANTH 4363 Archaeological Theory and Method	ANTH 6363 Archaeological Theory and Method
21	ANTH 4365 Archaeology of South America	ANTH 6365 Archaeology of South America
22	ANTH 4369 Archaeology of Mexico and Central America	ANTH 6369 Archaeology of Mexico and Central America
23	ANTH 4374 Archaeology of North America	ANTH 6374 Archaeology of North America

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24	ANTH 4377 Cultural Heritage	ANTH 6377 Cultural Heritage
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5) Fast-track policy catalog language – **Presenter: Laura Saenz [pending]**

Motion to approve policy: Justin White (UG)

Second: Kimberly Selber (GR)

Motion Passes

Notes – For the 6-hour maximum, the committee recommends that that be placed at the discretion of the program. C&I will remove that bullet from the policy. Would this impact the financial aid for the students if they take more graduate courses? There is a way to accommodate for the additional cost if a student is still under the graduate status. There will be no issues for federal funding, but there can be issues on the state level of funding. C&I staff will remove that bullet from the policy. What about students who are dismissed from the program and they decide to apply as a traditional graduate student? No, the courses would only apply to the undergraduate degree, and would need to substitute for those courses. We will add language to the policy to make it clear to students and programs. We don't have D's in the graduate side and will need to remove it from the policy. We will also add that students may not drop (D) a course. We will need to be careful in tracking these students who are dismissed. What are the implications for an international student? These students may already be enrolled at UTRGV, so once a student becomes a masters student Graduate College will update the student's status. This is what is done for students who complete an undergraduate program and go into a master's program shortly thereafter.

6) Announcements or Other Informational Items – **Presenter: Laura Saenz, AVP**

- i) Next Joint Committee Meeting – Fall 2022
- ii) Revision of fast-track policy will be ongoing.
- iii) Coordination among the Graduate College, the Office of the University Registrar, Financial Aid, the Degree Audit and Systems Support will be ongoing.

7) Adjournment

- a) 11:09 am