

Graduate Committee Meeting April 1st, 2022

1) Chairs Call to Order

2) Roll Call

Members:	College:	Terms coming to an end	Present/Absent
Charles Roush	University Library	N/A	Absent
Nancy Razo	College of Education & P-16 Integration	Vacancy for AY 22 - 23	Present
George Amorim	College of Fine Arts	N/A	Absent
Mataz Alcoutlabi	College of Engineering and Computer Science	Vacancy for AY 22 - 23	Present
Lilia Fuentes	School of Nursing	Vacancy for AY 22 - 23	Present
Helene Krouse	School of Medicine	N/A	Present
Leyla Feize	School of Social Work	Vacancy for AY 22 - 23	Present
Wanrong Hou	Vackar College of Business and Entrepreneurship	N/A	Present
Kimberly Selber	College of Liberal Arts	N/A	Present
Lisa Salinas	College of Health Professions	Vacancy for AY 22 - 23	Present
Rupesh Kariyat	College of Science	N/A	Absent
Sandra Hansmann	Graduate College, Ex Officio	N/A	Present
Laura Saenz	Curriculum & Institutional Assessment Office, Ex Officio	N/A	Present

- 3) Old Business: Review of Minutes from March 4, 2022, meeting
- 4) Consent agenda
- 5) New Business: Review of Submissions 10:05 am

a) College of Engineering and Computer Science

- i) Department of Mechanical Engineering Presenter: Dumitru Caruntu
 - (1) New Course, New Program

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Name	Туре	Comment	Year

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BMEE 6310New course for the new Master of Science in BiomedicalEngineering. This course has previously been approved by	
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Orthopedic New final stages, we asked the department to present the	
Biomechanics Course program and its courses again.	TBD
New course for the new Master of Science in Biomedical	
Engineering. This course has previously been approved by	
BMEE 6312 the Graduate Committee in 2020. Since the program is in i	ts
BiomedicalNewfinal stages, we asked the department to present the	
Instrumentation Course program and its courses again.	TBD
New course for the new Master of Science in Biomedical	
Engineering. This course has previously been approved by	
BMEE 6314 the Graduate Committee in 2020. Since the program is in it	ts
Introduction toNewfinal stages, we asked the department to present the	
Biomaterials Course program and its courses again.	TBD
New course for the new Master of Science in Biomedical	
BMEE 6316Engineering. This course has previously been approved by	
Physiology for the Graduate Committee in 2020. Since the program is in i	ts
BiomedicalNewfinal stages, we asked the department to present the	
Engineers Course program and its courses again.	TBD
New course for the new Master of Science in Biomedical	
BMEE 6320Engineering. This course has previously been approved by	
Introduction to the Graduate Committee in 2020. Since the program is in i	ts
<u>Computational</u> New final stages, we asked the department to present the	
Biomechanics Course program and its courses again.	TBD
New course for the new Master of Science in Biomedical	
Engineering. This course has previously been approved by	
BMEE 6322 the Graduate Committee in 2020. Since the program is in i	ts
<u>Cardiovascular</u> New final stages, we asked the department to present the	
Biomechanics Course program and its courses again.	TBD
New course for the new Master of Science in Biomedical	
Engineering. This course has previously been approved by	
BMEE 6330 the Graduate Committee in 2020. Since the program is in i	ts
Tissue New final stages, we asked the department to present the	
Engineering Course program and its courses again.	TBD
New course for the new Master of Science in Biomedical	
Engineering. This course has previously been approved by	
BMEE 6340 the Graduate Committee in 2020. Since the program is in i	ts
Biomedical New final stages, we asked the department to present the	
Microdevices Course program and its courses again.	TBD

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	T	New course for the new Master of Science in Biomedical	
BMEE 6350		Engineering. This course has previously been approved by	
Topics in		the Graduate Committee in 2020. Since the program is in its	
Biomedical	New	final stages, we asked the department to present the	
Engineering	Course		TBD
Engineering	Course	program and its courses again. New course for the new Master of Science in Biomedical	
		Engineering. This course has previously been approved by	
BMEE 6351		the Graduate Committee in 2020. Since the program is in its	
Independent	New	final stages, we asked the department to present the	
<u>Study</u>	Course	program and its courses again.	TBD
BMEE 6352		New course for the new Master of Science in Biomedical	
Introduction to		Engineering. This course has previously been approved by	
<u>Biochemistry</u>		the Graduate Committee in 2020. Since the program is in its	
and	New	final stages, we asked the department to present the	
<u>Microbiology</u>	Course	program and its courses again.	TBD
		New course for the new Master of Science in Biomedical	
<u>BMEE 6353</u>		Engineering. This course has previously been approved by	
Biology for		the Graduate Committee in 2020. Since the program is in its	
Biomedical	New	final stages, we asked the department to present the	
Engineers	Course	program and its courses again.	TBD
		New course for the new Master of Science in Biomedical	
BMEE 6354		Engineering. This course has previously been approved by	
Electrokinetics		the Graduate Committee in 2020. Since the program is in its	
for	New	final stages, we asked the department to present the	
Microsystems	Course	program and its courses again.	TBD
		New course for the new Master of Science in Biomedical	
BMEE 6355		Engineering. This course has previously been approved by	
Biomedical		the Graduate Committee in 2020. Since the program is in its	
Signal	New	final stages, we asked the department to present the	
Processing	Course	program and its courses again.	TBD
		New course for the new Master of Science in Biomedical	
		Engineering. This course has previously been approved by	
BMEE 6361		the Graduate Committee in 2020. Since the program is in its	
Composite	New	final stages, we asked the department to present the	
Nanofibers	Course	program and its courses again.	TBD
	Course	New course for the new Master of Science in Biomedical	
		Engineering. This course has previously been approved by	
DMEE 7200	Now	the Graduate Committee in 2020. Since the program is in its	
BMEE 7300	New	final stages, we asked the department to present the	TOD
<u>Thesis I</u>	Course	program and its courses again.	TBD

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		New course for the new Master of Science in Biomedical	
		Engineering. This course has previously been approved by	
		the Graduate Committee in 2020. Since the program is in its	
<u>BMEE 7301</u>	New	final stages, we asked the department to present the	
<u>Thesis II</u>	Course	program and its courses again.	TBD
<u>BMEE 6420</u>			
Engineering			
Mechanics I		New course for the new Master of Science in Biomedical	
(Statics, Solids,	New	Engineering. This course was not previously presented to	
and Dynamics)	Course	the committee.	TBD
BMEE 6422			
Engineering			
Mechanics II		New course for the new Master of Science in Biomedical	
(Statics, Solids,	New	Engineering. This course was not previously presented to	
and Materials)	Course	the committee.	TBD
BMEE 6424			
Engineering			
Mechanics III			
(Statics, Solids,			
and		New course for the new Master of Science in Biomedical	
Manufacturing	New	Engineering. This course was not previously presented to	
Processes)	Course	the committee.	TBD
MECE 6318			
Intermediate	New	This course is being reactivated for the Biomedical	
Biomaterials	Course	Engineering MS.	TBD
MANE 6355		This course is being reactivated for the Biomedical	
Design for	New	Engineering MS. This course has been approved by the	
Manufacture	Course	Manufacturing Department Chair to be reactivated.	TBD
Biomedical			
Engineering	New	This new program requires approval from UTS, THECB, and	
(MS)	Program	SACSCOC.	TBD
Motion to an			100

Motion to approve: Wanrong Hou Second: Kimberly Selber and Helene Krouse Motion Passes

Notes: This program is only in person in Edinburg unless there is a need to go to other campuses. This program will not be offered online. MANE is not part of the mechanical engineering department, and this is due to the interdisciplinary aspect of the program since the consent would be the same. The leveling courses are the 6420, 6422, 6424 for students who do not have an engineering background. Each leveling course is specialized for the clusters of courses in the electives. The leveling requirements will be determined by the admission committee of the program.



b) College of Education and P-16 Integration

i) Department of Organization and School Leadership – Presenter: Federico Guerra
(1) New course, New Program

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Name	Туре	Comment	Year
EDHE 6301 Research			
Methodologies in		This is a new course for the MS in Higher	
Higher Education	New Course	Education Administration.	TBD
EDHE 6302			
Organizational Theory in		This is a new course for the MS in Higher	
Higher Education	New Course	Education Administration.	TBD
EDHE 6303 Critical			
Issues in Higher		This is a new course for the MS in Higher	
Education	New Course	Education Administration.	TBD
EDHE 6305		This is a new course for the MS in Higher	
Organizational Ethics	New Course	Education Administration.	TBD
EDHE 6304 College			
Student Development:		This is a new course for the MS in Higher	
Theory and Practice	New Course	Education Administration.	TBD
EDHE 6306 Student			
Affairs in Higher		This is a new course for the MS in Higher	
Education	New Course	Education Administration.	TBD
EDHE 6307 Access and			
Equity in Higher		This is a new course for the MS in Higher	
Education	New Course	Education Administration.	TBD
EDHE 6308 Strategic			
Talent Development in		This is a new course for the MS in Higher	
Higher Education	New Course	Education Administration.	TBD
EDHE 6309 Budgeting			
and Finance in Higher		This is a new course for the MS in Higher	
Education	New Course	Education Administration.	TBD
EDUE C210 Dreation	New Course	This is a new course for the MS in Higher	TRD
EDHE 6310 Practicum	New Course	Education Administration.	TBD

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Higher Education			
Administration -			
Accelerated Online		This program requires UTS, THECB, and	
Program (MS)	New Program	SACSCOC approval.	TBD
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Motion to approve: Mataz Alcoutlabi Second: Kimberly Selber and Lilia Fuentes Motion passes

Notes: This is going to be an AOP program. Will update the program form. The department is in the process of blueprinting the courses. Does the program need additional external approval if the program is online? There is additional component to submit to UTS and THECB for distance education. SACSCOC will only require a notification that it will be an online program. Will this program only be internal, or will it be advertised to the public? The first cohort would be for UTRGV employees, but the end goal would be to open it to the general public. This program would also be a feeder for the EdD in Higher Administration. This program is an initiative required by President Bailey for UTRGV employees.

c) College of Education and P-16 Integration

i) Department of Human Development and School Services – Presenter: Nancy Razo
(1) Change Program

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Name	Туре	Comment	Year
		There is an addition of Progression Requirements. These	
		requirements are the Three C Rule and the F Rule. The	
<u>School</u>		program will keep track of the Three C Rule. The	
Psychology	Change	Graduate College will send reports for the F rule to the	
<u>(MA)</u>	Program	program.	22 - 23

Motion to approve: Wanrong Hou Second: Kimberly Selber and Lilia Fuentes Motion Passes Notes:

d) College of Business and Entrepreneurship

- i) Department of Management Presenter: Akinloye Akindayomi
 - (1) Change Program

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Name	Туре	Comment	Year
Business Administration	Change	There are changes to the admission	
(<u>MBA)</u>	Program	requirements. Changes include the following: (1)	22 - 23

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	recommendation.	

Motion to approve: Leyla Feize Second: Mataz Alcoutlabi Motion passes

Motion passes

Notes: They are removing the letters of recommendation because the program is not a capacity limited program. It will also help reduce time to approve applications for admission. The program will reach out to a student if the program needs additional information after reviewing the application. There are only three courses in the Pre-MBA program. If an applicant has lower GPA when applying for the MBA, they will request they take the Pre-MBA certificate and talk to the applicant to get additional information. The program doesn't want to deny a student admission. If a student applies to the MBA but needs to do the Pre-MBA certificate, the student will need to apply to the Pre-MBA certificate. Once the student completes the Pre-MBA certificate, the student will need to apply to the MBA again. When removing an admission requirement, the Graduate College requests that another requirement be added in its place to not reduce data points. This program already had enough data points that the removal of letters did not require a replacement.

e) College of Business and Entrepreneurship

i) Department of Management – Presenter: Akinloye Akindayomi

(1) Delete Program

			Effective
Name	Туре	Comment	Year
Business			
Administration (MBA)			
<u>in Spanish -</u>		This program is being deactivated due to lack of	
Accelerated Online	Delete	demand in the program. There are only 4 active	
<u>Program</u>	Program	students in the program with no new students.	22 - 23

Motion to approve: Leyla Feize Second: Mataz Alcoutlabi

Motion Passes

Notes: Can the program be bilingual? It could be possible, but this program still will be discontinued. The department has been in consideration for the bilingual route. It should be noted that bilingual can be assumed to be English and any other language.

f) Graduate College

i) Policies – Presenter: Sandra Hansmann

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Name	Туре	Comments	Effective Year
		The policy is unclear and doesn't	
		indicate the length of deferrals or the	
Admission Deferral	Revised Policy	number of times a student can defer.	22 - 23
		The Graduate Catalog does not include	
Course Repeat	New Policy	this policy	22 - 23
		The Graduate Catalog does not include	
Course Substitution	New Policy	this policy	22 – 23
		The Graduate Catalog does not include	
Comprehensive Exam	New Policy	this policy	22 – 23

Motion to approve: Wanrong Hou Second: Kimberly Selber

Motion Passes

Notes: Lilia Fuentes left the meeting at 10:55 am. She is back at 11:09 am.

Admission deferral – what are the reasons behind students deferring? Currently students don't need to give a reason, they only need to make the request. Some reason can be, but not limited to, acquiring a visa. Some request it for financial and medical reasons. The deferral forms are processed through Submittable. Why is the timeline for deferral one semester or 2 modules? This is due to the applicate be in a different cohort.

Course Repeat – In DegreeWorks, all the repeats will show up on the student's record. DegreeWorks will be pulling the information from Banner. Are we going to do something system wise for this to notify students in registration they aren't allowed to take the course if they have passed it with a C? There will be a meeting to discuss further in detail system wide. In degree works, it will pull up the highest grade, but this should not be able to happen at the graduate level. If the student is required to take the course again due to progression requirements, that should not impact the degree audit. The GPA should include all course work taken by the student. If a student gets an NC in a required course, they will be required to take the course again to get a letter grade. If the course is just an extension of a thesis or dissertation, they do not have to have a grade. Most extensions should be pass/no pass. S/U grades do not count in attempted hours and do not impact GPA.

Course Substitution – This does not apply to transfer course work for core requirements. Usually, Graduate College rarely sees a substitution for a required course, but when there is the course must be a b or better, and they must be the same hours. Sometimes courses will also have the same name or similar course work that can be substituted in the degree plan when transferring.

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Comprehensive Exam – do comp exams expire? We currently do not have it in the policy, but most UTS schools do have this in their policies. This policy will be updated next curriculum cycle to reflect this expiration. The expiration is usually 3 - 4 years in masters, 4 - 5 years in doctoral.

6) Announcements or Other Informational Items

- i) Vacancies coming up for AY 2022 2023
- ii) Draft Catalog Page Review
- iii) Updates to DegreeWorks
- iv) Course Inventory Implementation Steps and Timeline
- v) Next meeting Fall 2022

7) Adjournment – 11:57 am

NEW COURSE REPEAT POLICY

CURRENT	PROPOSED
None	Courses designated as "may be repeated for credit" in the catalog may be repeated. In repeatable courses, the GPA, attempted credit hours, and earned credit hours are counted.
	Required core courses in which a student has earned an F, NC, NP, or U must be repeated to meet program of study and degree requirements. Programs may require other courses, such as proscribed electives or general electives in which a student has earned an F, NC, NP, or U to be repeated.
	A student may not repeat an otherwise nonrepeatable course in which a grade of C or better was awarded, unless mandated by programmatic progression requirements.

NEW COURSE SUBSTITUTION POLICY

CURRENT (A FORM ONLY, NOT CATALOGED)	PROPOSED
None.	Course substitution is the process by which an
	alternate course may replace a required or
The form states:	proscribed course in a program of study,
	provided the substituted course meets the
Requests for substitution of requirements for	content, learning objectives, and/or spirit of the
graduation should be made judiciously. They are	original course.
to be used to deal with the exceptions to official,	
printed requirements. Careful advisement and	Only letter grade courses may be substituted for
planning of course offerings can minimize the	letter grade course requirements, and courses
number of substitutions. In some cases, however,	must be of equal credit hours.
the substitution process is the only viable option	
for students. In order to make informed decisions	Only courses in which the student earns or has
that are consistent and fair for all students, we	earned a grade of B or better will be used as
need a systematic process for the submission and	course substitutions.
review of requests.	
	Students may not replace a core required course
Below are the procedures we will follow to	in which they have earned an F, NC, NP, or U
ensure some measure of both consistency and	grade with a substituted course.
fairness in making decisions to approve or	
disapprove the requests.	
1. Use the form that is attached.	
2. Attach a copy of the student's degree plan.	
Requests that do not include this item will not be	
reviewed and will be returned to the	
originating school or department as incomplete.	
This may result in delays for the student.	
3. Beginning with the student's graduate program	
coordinator, approve the request and forward to	
the next level of review.	
Disapproval of the request stops the process.	
Requests for substitution of courses in a student's	
degree plan require the approval of the school	
director or department chair and the dean of the	
college. Content of substituted courses must be	
consistent with approved degree/program	
requirements.	

REVISED ADMISSION DEFERRAL POLICY

CURRENT	PROPOSED
https://utrgv.smartcatalogiq.com/en/2021- 2022/2021-2022-Graduate- Catalog/Graduate-Admission- Policies/Application-Process	https://utrgv.smartcatalogiq.com/en/2021- 2022/2021-2022-Graduate- Catalog/Graduate-Admission- Policies/Application-Process
Official admission offers will be made only by the UTRGV Graduate College and are valid only for the semester or term requested on the application. Students who are accepted but do not attend the semester or module requested on the application must notify the graduate admissions office to request that their application be deferred to a future semester. Some graduate programs may have additional requirements for delayed enrollment and may require that the student reapply.	Official admission offers are made only by the UTRGV Graduate College and are valid only for the semester or module requested on the application. Students who are admitted but do not enroll in the semester or module of admission must reapply. Students who are admitted but determine they cannot attend in the semester or module of admission may request a one-time deferral of one semester or up to two modules within the same academic year. Some graduate programs may have additional requirements for admission deferrals, may require students to reapply, or may not offer deferrals.

REVISED COMPREHENSVIE EXAM POLICY

Item #4 under "Master's Degree Requirements" of the Graduate Catalog DELETE

During or at the end of the student's final semester of work, the student may be given a comprehensive written examination as required by the graduate degree program. Students must arrange comprehensive examinations with their adviser prior to graduation. **DELETE**

Current Catalog	Proposed Revision
Comprehensive Exams and Other Degree Exit	Masters Comprehensive Exams and Other
Options	Degree Exit Options
Students must be enrolled in the semester in which they complete their exit option. The comprehensive exam may not be scheduled prior to the student's final semester of coursework or the student's completion of required core courses. The purpose of the comprehensive exam is to evaluate the student's mastery of the field(s) of study. The method and procedure for examination must be specified on the student's program of study. The academic department prepares, administers and grades the comprehensive exam. The Graduate College notifies students when they have been cleared to take the exam and informs exam takers of the results. Results of the comprehensive exam will be one of the following: • PASS with recommendation that candidate be cleared to receive the degree • FAIL stipulating conditions that must be met before the candidate is eligible to take the exam a second time. Colleges/programs will determine the policy regarding repeating the comprehensive exam or exit options in the event of a failing grade. A review period of not less than 90 days or more than 1 year after the student is notified of the results of the first exam is required before a second exam may be imposed by the faculty advisor or department chair. After retaking the exam and earning a second grade of FAIL, the program may make a recommendation that the	The purpose of the comprehensive exam is to evaluate the student's mastery of their field(s) of study. The academic program prepares, administers, and grades the comprehensive exam according to their policies, procedures, and discipline-specific requirements and norms. The methods, policies, and procedures for examination and, if applicable, reexamination in the event of a non-passing grade, must be published in the student's program of study, handbook, student policies manual, website, or other readily available document. Students must be enrolled in the semester or module in which they complete their Comprehensive Exam, which should be scheduled between the first class day and no less than 7 days prior to the last class day of a given semester or module. Students must also be enrolled for any subsequent reexaminations or alternate exit option. The Graduate College notifies students when they have been cleared to take the exam and informs exam takers of the results. DELETE