**MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 2018**

**Graduate Committee Agenda October 5th, 2018 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Edinburg Campus ESCNE 4.640 Conference Room / Brownsville BBRHP 2.212**

1. **WELCOME; INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (May 2018)

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| **Presenter** | Micky Caruntu |
| **Motion:** | Carlos De Souza |
| **Rec.** | John Vandeberg |
| **Notes** | Approved with the provision to correct missing attendees’ names. |

1. **OLD BUSINESS**
   1. Kinesiology's request to remove their Thesis 1 and 2 requirement

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| **Presenter** | Zelma Mata |
| **Motion:** | Sibin Wu |
| **Rec.** | John Ferris |
| **Notes** | Approved |

1. **NEW BUSINESS**
   1. **REVIEW OF SUBMISSIONS: COURSE INVENTORY CHANGES**
   2. ~~CLA Master of Arts in Spanish Translation & Interpreting~~
      1. ~~Remove GRE requirement~~ Defer to November meeting at request of program
   3. CLA Sociology & Anthropology
      1. Change of name SOCI 6364 from “Gender” to “Gender & Society” to reflect best/common practice in the field
      2. Delete SOCI 6324 “Contemporary Issues” due to redundancy with SOCI 6315 “Special Topics”, and “Special Topics” is the preferred course

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| **Presenter** | Igor Ryabov |
| **Motion:** | John Vandeberg |
| **Rec.** | Carlos De Souza |
| **Notes** | Approved |

* 1. Change in Graduate College Academic Standing Criteria Addition 10/4/2018

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| **Presenter** | Sandra Hansmann |
| **Motion:** | Aziza Zemrani |
| **Rec.** | John Vandeberg |
| **Notes** | Approved. |

* 1. **REVIEW OF SUBMISSIONS: NEW PROGRAMS**
  2. CHA Doctor of Physical Therapy (New degree)
     1. The Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) is a professional doctoral degree accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). The DPT program is a 34-month, 113 semester credit hour program. Students take classes full time, year round. Upon successful completion of course requirements for this professional degree, graduates are eligible for licensure to practice physical therapy.

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| **Presenter** | Lorena Lopez |
| **Motion:** | John Vandeberg |
| **Rec.** | Sibin Wu |
| **Notes** | Approved |

* 1. SOM Masters in Bioethics (New degree)
     1. The Masters of Science in Bioethics is a fully online, 30 credit hour program focused on bioethics, social justice, and health equity. Students may complete this degree as part of an MD/MS in Bioethics, as a post-graduate option for professional master’s or doctoral degree holders, and as a typical post-bachelor’s MS degree.

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| **Presenter** | Alice Marcee |
| **Motion:** | Aziza Zemrani |
| **Rec.** | John Vandeberg |
| **Notes** | Approved; encourage collaboration for development of concentrations |

* 1. CLA Masters in Mexican American Studies (Revision of Degree Type + add courses)
     1. Currently an MAIS program, the MA will include a Thesis Track: 30 Course Hours + 6 Thesis Hours and a Non-Thesis Track: 36 Course Hours + Comprehensive Exam. The program includes five concentrations: History, Spanish, English, Education, or Borderlands & Ethnic Studies.

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| **Presenter** | Christopher Carmona |
| **Motion:** |  |
| **Rec.** |  |
| **Notes** | Tabled; MAIS will be retained; MAS will be submitted as a new program through full new program process |

1. **ELECTION OF AY 18-19 COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP**

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| **Presenter** |  |
| **Motion:** |  |
| **Rec.** |  |
| **Notes** | Tabled until November meeting. |

1. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
   1. Blackboard site to be established
   2. Consent agendas; electronic voting
   3. Other announcements from the floor
2. **ADJOURNMENT**

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| **Presenter** |  |
| **Motion:** |  |
| **Rec.** |  |
| **Notes** | Chair adjourned the meeting by consent. |