

Graduate Curriculum Committee Agenda

March 6, 2020

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Edinburg Campus ESCNE 4.640 / Brownsville Campus Salon Esperanza BLHSB 2.604

A. CHAIR'S CALL TO ORDER

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. None

D. NEW BUSINESS: REVIEW OF SUBMISSIONS

1. College of Liberal Arts

A. Department of Criminal Justice

- i. Master of Science in Criminal Justice
 - a. Course Inventory: ADD – CRIJ 6312 Women, Law & Justice
 - b. Course Inventory: ADD – CRIJ 6323 Adv. Restorative & Community Justice
 - c. Course Inventory: REVISE – CRIJ 6304 Criminal Procedure

Presenter	Dr. Tom White
Motion:	Dr. Nancy Razo
Rec.	Dr. John VandeBurg
Notes	Approved

B. Department of Psychological Science

- i. Board Certified Behavior Analyst Certificate Program (BCBA)
 - a. Course Inventory: ADD – PSYC 6351 Behavior Change
 - b. Course Inventory: ADD – PSYC 6352 Behavior Change and Supervision
 - c. Degree Action Request:
 1. REVISE – Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) Certificate Program
Increase credit hours from 18 credits (270 hours) to 21 credits (315 hours)

Presenter	Dr. Hugo Curiel
Motion:	Dr. Nancy Razo
Rec.	Dr. Lilia Fuentes
Notes	Approved

C. Department of Communication

- i. Master of Arts in Communication
 - a. Course Inventory: ADD – COMM 7102 Professional Project Research
 - b. Course Inventory: ADD – COMM 7303 Professional Project I
 - c. Course Inventory: ADD – COMM 7304 Professional Project II

Presenter	Dr. Kimberly Selber
Motion:	Dr. Sibin Wu
Rec.	Dr. John VandeBurg
Notes	Approved

2. College of Health Professions

A. Department of Communication Science & Disorders

- i. Master of Science in Communication Sciences & Disorders
 - a. Degree Action Request: REVISE – Graduation Requirements

Presenter	Dr. Donald Fuller
Motion:	Dr. John VandeBurg
Rec.	Dr. George Yanev
Notes	Approved

3. School of Nursing

A. Degree Action Request:

- i. NEW – Post-Master’s Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) (15 credit) Certificate

Presenter	Dr. Dahlia Rojas
Motion:	Dr. John VandeBurg
Rec.	Dr. Nancy Razo
Notes	Approved

4. College of Engineering and Computer Science

A. Department of Engineering

- i. NEW – Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering
 - a. Degree Action Request:
ADD – Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering (30 credit)
 - b. Course Inventory: ADD – BMEE 6100 Biomedical Engineering Seminar
 - c. Course Inventory: ADD – BMEE 6310 Experimental Orthopedic Biomechanics
 - d. Course Inventory: ADD – BMEE 6312 Biomedical Instrumentation
 - e. Course Inventory: ADD – BMEE 6314 Introduction to Biomaterials
 - f. Course Inventory: ADD – BMEE 6316 Physiology for Biomedical Engineers

- g. Course Inventory: ADD – BMEE 6320 Intro to Computational Biomechanics
- h. Course Inventory: ADD – BMEE 6322 Cardiovascular Biomechanics
- i. Course Inventory: ADD – BMEE 6330 Tissue Engineering
- j. Course Inventory: ADD – BMEE 6340 Biomedical Microdevices
- k. Course Inventory: ADD – BMEE 6350 Topics in Biomedical Engineering
- l. Course Inventory: ADD – BMEE 6351 Independent Study in Biomedical Engineering
- m. Course Inventory: ADD – BMEE 6352 Intro to Biochemistry & Microbiology
- n. Course Inventory: ADD – BMEE 6353 Biology for Biomedical Engineers
- o. Course Inventory: ADD – BMEE 6354 Electrokinetics for Microsystem
- p. Course Inventory: ADD – BMEE 6355 Biomedical Signal Processing
- q. Course Inventory: ADD – BMEE 6361 Composite Nanofibers
- r. Course Inventory: ADD – BMEE 7300 Thesis I
- s. Course Inventory: ADD – BMEE 7301 Thesis II

Presenter	Dr. Dumitru Caruntu
Motion:	Dr. Nancy Razo
Rec.	Dr. George Yanev
Notes	Approved

5. College of Education and P-16 Integration

A. Department of Organization and School Leadership

- i. Master of Education in Educational Leadership
 - a. Degree Action Request:
 - REVISE – Remove 2 courses & Add 2 courses from Degree Plan
 - b. REMOVE – EDUL 6310 Organizational Leadership
 - c. REMOVE – EDUL 6325 Supervision for Instructional Leadership
 - d. REVISE – EDUL 6390 from Pre-Practicum to Practicum I
 - e. REVISE – EDUL 6391 from Practicum to Practicum II

Presenter	Dr. Rosalinda Hernandez
Motion:	Dr. John VandeBurg
Rec.	Dr. Lilia Fuentes
Notes	Approved

6. School of Social Work – No Submissions

7. College of Sciences – No Submissions

8. College of Fine Arts – No Submissions

9. Vackar College of Business and Entrepreneurship – No Submissions

10. School of Medicine – No Submissions

11. Graduate, Honors, or University College – No Submissions

E. OTHER INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Announcement regarding Joint Committee Meeting (Undergraduate & Graduate Curriculum Committees) on March 27, 2020. Location and time are TBA

Sent calendar invites to all committee members 03/06/2020

F. ADJOURNMENT

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J. NEW BUSINESS: REVIEW OF SUBMISSIONS

1. College of Liberal Arts

A. Department of Criminal Justice

i. Master of Science in Criminal Justice

✚ Tom White

- There are two course additions and one name change
- Wants justice in the curriculum that addresses women's issues
- Wants to reinstate the course as an elective (CRIJ 6312 Women, Law & Justice)
 - ❖ Presenter: Dr. Tom White
 - ❖ Dr. Nancy Razo motions and Dr. John VandeBurg, 2nd

B. Department of Psychological Science

i. Board Certified Behavior Analyst Certificate Program (BCBA)

- The board that oversees our BCBA program is making changes that going to be in effect January 1, 2022
- Going from 18 to 21 credits
- Wants to start next year that way students don't have to take additional courses because they no longer fit the criteria.
- Students in the sequence can finish the courses they need, and incoming students will start on the new sequence.

✚ Dr. Hansmann: the same BCBA (College of Education) request was heard and approved and now this BCBA that lives in the College of Liberal Arts is asking for the same request.

- ❖ Presenter: Dr. Hugo Curiel
- ❖ Dr. Nancy Razo motions and Dr. Lilia Fuentes, 2nd
- ❖ Dr. Carlos De Souza: Nay

C. Department of Communication

ii. Master of Arts in Communication

- Students could have the option to do a professional project in lieu of a comprehensive exam or a thesis.
- Requesting three courses to be assigned specifically to the professional project, like what is already in place for the thesis
 1. COMM 7303 Professional Project I

2. COMM 7304 Professional Project II
3. COMM 7201 – is a one-hour credit hour if you take more than two semesters to complete the project.
 - Dr. Hansmann: provide a degree plan that shows the three options side by side – not for the committee but for Graduate College to have when organizing the catalog.
 - ❖ Presenter: Dr. Kimberly Selber
 - ❖ Dr. Sabin Wu motions and Dr. John VandeBurg, 2nd

2. College of Health Professions

A. Department of Communication Science & Disorders

- i. Master of Science in Communication Sciences & Disorders

✚ Summative Assessment

- Thesis
- Written Competence Examination
 - ❖ Presenter: Dr. Donald Fuller
 - ❖ Dr. John VandeBurg motions and Dr. George Yanev, 2nd

3. School of Nursing

A. Degree Action Request:

- i. NEW – Post-Master’s Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) (15 credit) Certificate

- Adding a 15-credit hour certificate that will include clinical hours that are required, so the nurses can sit on the certification exam and be certified nationally, then to the board of the State of Texas.

✚ Dr. Hansmann: On the letter of recommendation which poses a barrier for students and the Graduate College is under the impression that the letter of recommendation was going to be removed, but I still see it there.

✚ Dr. Rojas: it was discussed and taken into consideration however, it has been changed to being specifically assigned to it being a professional recommendation.

✚ Dr. Hansmann: The Graduate College, thinks that is fine. imperative. that is your preference, but what needs to be understood is that anybody who’s applying right now for the intention of getting this right now does have to present that or they cannot graduate in May.

✚ Dr. John VandeBurg: Does the motion pass if almost everyone on the board abstains?

- ❖ Dr. Hansmann:
 - If the majority of members abstain on a measure, the measure fails.
 - Recusals change the approval from a majority to a majority of a quorum.

- You do not lose quorum because you initially had quorum, if a member walks out for recusal.
- ❖ Presenter: Dr. Rojas
- ❖ Dr. John VandeBurg motions and Dr. Nancy Razo, 2nd

4. College of Engineering and Computer Science

A. Department of Engineering

- i. NEW – Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering

✚ Dr. Caruntu proposing new master's in biomedical engineering

- 30-hour program + 1-hour seminar
- The program will have three tracks:
 1. Biomechanics
 2. Biomaterials
 3. Manufacturing Instrumentation
- Students following the non-thesis track will have to take an exit exam
- There will also be a thesis track
- Seminar class can only be taken one time
 - ❖ Presenter: Dumitru Caruntu
 - ❖ Dr. Nancy Razo motions and Dr. George Yanev, 2nd

5. College of Education and P-16 Integration

B. Department of Organization and School Leadership

- ii. Master of Education in Educational Leadership

✚ Dr. Hernandez: Curriculum alignment

- Delete two courses (6310 organizational leadership and 6325) and replacing it with two existing courses which are practicum I and practicum II and will still contain the 30 hours master's program, traditional and accelerated online.
 - ❖ Presenter: Rosalinda Hernandez
 - ❖ Dr. John VandeBurg motions and Dr. Nancy Razo, 2nd

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✚ Dr. Hansmann:

- The University is having more programs combined bachelor's, master's type programs – unified degree plans, the 4 + 1
- SACSCOC requires to have joint meeting that includes both grad and undergrad members to hear those types of request.
- It is a formative meeting for the two committees to get together and decide how to go about it. For example, will this meeting take place once or twice a semester? Will it be a subcommittee or as a whole?
- Meeting will take place on Friday in the early morning (2hr)
- Approval of certain programs are approved internally or externally
 - For example, minor changes to degree plans, things that are not considered standard can be approved at the institutional level, except for changes to admission criteria those have to go through the UT System for approvals and they meet twice a year and they notify the coordinating boards and they meet twice a year.
 - Any type of new minor which are 18 hours or greater goes through internal approvals, system approvals and coordinating board approvals.
 - The addition of any certificates that are 16 hours or more goes through internal approvals, system approvals and coordinating board approvals.
 - Any new master's programs or PhD programs or any engineering program, regardless of level has to go through internal approvals, system approvals and coordinating board approvals.
 - Graduate Catalog
 - Students that begin on the catalog year they started when there are committed that will be their catalog year.
 - If the degree plan doesn't change will not affect the student but if the degree plan changes the student can finish the degree plan as planned or they can voluntarily change to the new degree plan.
 - We cannot change a catalog that is in existence. For example, we want to change the degree plan for Spring. The answer is No.

L. ADJOURNMENT