

# Undergraduate Committee Meeting

## Minutes

March 10, 2017

9:00 am – 11:00 am

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Present UC: Clara Downey-Adams, Margaret Graham, Andrea Schwarzbach, Emmet Tomai, Tim Brush, Joel Chirinos, Marilyn Hagerty, Art Brownlow

Absent UC: Zulmaris Diaz

Present Deputy Provost Office: Rosie Pena, Dr. Cynthia Brown (@ED), Donna Jackson (@ED)

Visitors in Harlingen: Dr. Amy Weimer (Univ College), Dr. Jameela Banu (CHA), Dr. Ana Peña (CLA)

Visitors in Brownsville: Dr. Angelika Potempa (CLA), Dr. David Hicks (COS), Dr. Owen Temby (CLA)

Visitors in Edinburg: Dr. Amy Hay (CLA), Dr. Criselda Garcia (CEP16), Dr. Mariana Alessandro (CLA), Dr. Nick Dimakis (COS), Dr. Stephen Leach (CLA), Michelle Madrid (Registrar's Office), Dr. Greg Gilson (CLA), Dr. Nicolas Pereyra (COS), Dr. Joanne Ramparsad (COS), Dr. Kihoon Kang (COS), Dr. James Hinthorne (COS), Dr. Juan Gonzalez (COS)

### A. CALL TO ORDER @ 9:00 a.m.

### B. OLD BUSINESS

- I. Approval of Minutes from February 10, 2017 meeting.

**Motion to approve:** Tomai, Brownlow

**Vote:** Approved 7-0

- II. Review of Tabled Submissions

1. College of Health Affairs

- Revise Course: DIET 2351. Change prefix to NUTR 2351. Removed prerequisites since course taken by BSNS students.
- Add Courses: NUTR 2125, NUTR 2355. NUTR 2125 will have NUTR 2351 as prerequisite. NUTR 2355 will not have prerequisites.
- Update on degree plan: BS in Nutritional Sciences. Nutritional Science Foundation Courses section revised to 59 hours. NUTR 3355 and 4359 converted to two-hour courses (3255 and 4259) which brings total foundation hours to 59.

**Presenter:** Dr. Jameela Banu

**Motion to approve:** Hagerty, Schwarzbach

**Vote:** Approved 8-0

### C. REVIEW OF SUBMISSIONS

- I. University College

1. **Add Courses:** UNIV 3000, UNIV 4000

**Presenter:** Dr. Amy Weimer

**Discussion:** There is a need for zero-credit courses for students who perform significant voluntary work in internships and/or research. Can be used by any department. Other UT system universities have such courses. They acknowledge the student efforts without incurring costs and help the university track these efforts. Committee recommended for both courses: 1) designating course as credit/no credit, 2) inserting a meaningful subtitle (so nature of student work is obvious on transcript), and 3) permission of instructor. Those changes were made on the forms during the meeting.

**Motion to approve:** Graham, Schwarzbach

**Vote:** Approved 8-0

### II. College of Education and P-16 Integration

#### 1. **Revise Program:** Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies – Elementary Education Tracks

**Presenter:** Dr. Criselda Garcia

**Discussion:** Revising program, replacing HIST 4390 with HIST 3301 which was developed to address teacher standards for elementary education program.

**Motion to approve:** Hagerty, Brush

**Vote:** Approved 8-0

### III. College of Engineering and Computer Science

#### 1. **Computer Science**

- Revise Course: CSCI 4325, CSCI 4335

**Presenter:** Dr. Tomai

**Discussion:** Revising prerequisites and course descriptions.

**Motion to approve:** Brownlow, Graham

**Vote:** Approved 8-0

#### 2. **Electrical Engineering**

- Revise Course: CMPE 4335

**Presenter:** Dr. Tomai

**Discussion:** Revising prerequisites and course description. This is cross-listed with CSCI 4335 (above).

**Motion to approve:** Brownlow, Graham

**Vote:** Approved 8-0

### IV. College of Liberal Arts

#### 1. **Philosophy**

- Add Courses: RELS 3355, PHIL 3355, PHIL 4301, PHIL 4318, PHIL 4323, PHIL 4325, PHIL 4327, PHIL 4345, PHIL 4399

**Presenters:** Drs. Gilson, Leach, Alessandri

**Discussion:** New courses for the Philosophy degree plan. All electives. Only PHIL 4399 (Internship and/or Research) has a prerequisite. RELS 3355 and PHIL 3355 are cross-listed. Committee corrected typo on RELS 3355 course title: Buddhism.

**Motion to approve:** Graham, Hagerty

**Vote:** Approved 8-0

#### 2. **Sociology and Anthropology**

- Delete Courses: ANTH 4355, ANTH 4373
- Revise Courses: ANTH 3343, ANTH 3344, ANTH 4309, ANTH 4385

**Presenter:** Dr. Graham

**Discussion:** Deleting two courses from course inventory. Revision of 4 courses: revising long and short titles of ANTH 3343 and 3344 to include word "internship." Short title corrected on forms during meeting to include "internship." ANTH 4309 revised long and short title and course description to better reflect current

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scholarship on gender (focus not just on women). ANTH 4385 Special Topics: revise number of times course can be repeated to twice for a total of 9 hours. That was UTPA policy that changed with transition

**Motion to approve:** Brownlow, Tomai

**Vote:** Approved 8-0

- Revise Program: BA in Anthropology, Minor in Folklore

**Presenter:** Dr. Graham

**Discussion** (BA Anthropology): Several revisions: 1) Make course changes approved above, 2) allow students to count one of the following toward the required Anthropology core: ANTH 1353 or ANTH 1354 or ANTH 2306 or ANTH 2311 (2311 is newly proposed GE Core class for 090 area), 3) align advanced hours requirement with university minimum, 42 hours (decrease free electives advanced hours from 21 to 12 in degree plan to reflect that change; form edited during meeting).

**Motion to approve:** Brownlow, Chirinos

**Vote:** Approved 8-0

**Presenter:** Dr. Graham

**Discussion** (Folklore minor): Revise degree plan to reflect current class offerings and faculty. Allow ANTH 1353 or ANTH 1354 or ANTH 2306 to count as the one folklore core course. Revise electives list: remove ANTH 3344 and ANTH 4355 (4355 was deleted from class inventory in action above), add courses that are regularly taught to electives list: ANTH 3323, ANTH 3375, ANTH 3380, ANTH 4317, ANTH 4348.

**Motion to approve:** Hagerty, Brownlow

**Vote:** Approved 8-0

### 3. Writing and Language Studies

**Presenter for all items in 3 and 4:** Dr. Ana Peña

- Revise Courses: SPAN 1311, SPAN 1312, SPAN 2311, SPAN 2312, SPAN 2313, SPAN 2315, SPAN 3304, SPAN 3310, SPAN 3311, SPAN 4370

**Discussion:** SPAN 1311 and SPAN 1312: revising long and short course titles and description. This change impacts minor in Latin American Studies and the Second Language Proficiency requirement. SPAN 2311 and 2312: revising course numbers to 1313 and 1314 and prerequisites. SPAN 2313 and SPAN 2315: Revising long and short course titles and description. Change impacts the minors in Latin American Studies, Spanish, Spanish Translation, BA Spanish Translation. SPAN 3304, 3310, 3311: Revising prerequisites. SPAN 4370: Revising long and short course titles and prerequisites.

**Motion to approve:** Tomai, Brownlow

**Vote:** Approved 8-0

- Add Program: Certificate in Dual Language

**Discussion:** Term “certification” should not be used on the degree plan or any paperwork. Make sure all items read “certificate.” This was program at UTB.

**Motion to approve:** Graham, Brush

**Vote:** Approved 8-0

- Revise Program: BA in Spanish, BA in Spanish (EC-12 Teacher Certification), Minor in Medical Spanish

**Discussion:** BA Spanish.

**Motion to approve:** Brownlow, Downey

**Vote:** Approved 8-0

**Discussion:** BA Spanish (EC-12 Teacher Certification): remove OPI test for graduation requirement. Remove SPAN 3309 is recommended from Free Electives section of degree plan.

**Motion to approve:** Hagerty, Downey

**Vote:** Approved 8-0

**Discussion:** Minor in Medical Spanish: replace beginning Spanish for intermediate Spanish. Change language so not limited to “native speakers.”

**Motion to approve:** Brush, Tomai

**Vote:** Approved 8-0

#### 4. Literature and Cultural Studies

- Revise Courses: SPAN 2320, SPAN 3305, SPAN 3306, SPAN 3307, SPAN 3308, SPAN 3320, SPAN 3321, SPAN 3322, SPAN 3323, SPAN 3338, SPAN 4338

**Discussion:** SPAN 2320: revising course description. All other courses listed above: revising prerequisites. Note on SPAN 4338: “May be taken concurrently with SPAN 3304.” If enforced, will impact BA Spanish and BIS degrees.

**Motion to approve:** Tomai, Brownlow

**Vote:** Approved 8-0

### V. College of Sciences

#### 1. Physics

- Revise Courses: PSCI 4210, PSCI 4220

**Presenter:** Dr. Dimakis

**Discussion:** Revising schedule type—lecture only, no lab—and contact hours. Credit hours not affected.

**Motion to approve:** Brownlow, Chininos

**Vote:** Approved 8-0

#### 2. Biology

- Revise Program: BS in Biology (Focus in Biological Sciences) and BS in Biology (with Minor)

**Presenter:** Dr. Brush

**Discussion:** Adding 3 courses to BS Biology (Focus in Biological Sciences) program as electives. Adding 1 course to program electives for the BS in Biology (with Minor). Gives students more options. This corrects an error.

**Motion to approve:** Graham, Brownlow

**Vote:** Approved 8-0

#### 3. Earth, Environmental, and Marine Sciences

- Add Courses: ENVR 2301, ENVR 2302, MARS 3350

**Presenter** for ENVR 2301 and ENVR 2302: Dr. Hicks

**Discussion:** Add courses to SEEMS that will be part of the BS Environmental Sciences program

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**Presenter** for MARS 3350: Dr. Rampersad

**Discussion:** Add course on marine aquaculture to MARS program. Course has no prerequisite.

**Motion to approve:** Brownlow, Schwarzbach

**Vote:** Approved 8-0

- Revise Courses: ENVR 3303, GEOL 3405

**Presenter:** Dr. Kang

**Discussion:** Revising prerequisites and course descriptions.

**Motion to approve:** Downey, Brownlow

**Vote:** Approved 8-0

- Revise Program: BS in Environmental Sciences

**Presenter:** Dr. Hicks

**Discussion:** Problem of hidden prerequisites that needs to be addressed. Further consultation with coordinator of Environmental Studies needs to take place in relation to the Environment and Society concentration.

**Decision:** Tabled the item until these items are addressed.

### F. REVISION OF ACADEMIC POLICIES (this item was moved to beginning of meeting due to Dr. Brown's scheduling conflict)

**Presenter of both policies:** Dr. Brown

**Discussion:** Change of residency requirements. The revised policy aligns with the policy of other UT System institutions and meets SACSOC requirements.

**Motion to approve:** Brownlow, Chirinos

**Vote:** Approved 7-0

**Discussion:** Institutional GPA. Change of terminology--"native GPA" to "institutional GPA." Beginning with students first enrolling at UTRGV in fall 2017, prior UTB/TSC coursework will be identified as transfer as far as the calculation of students' GPA and excluded from the institutional GPA.

**Motion to approve:** Hagerty, Schwarzbach

**Vote:** Approved 7-0

### G. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- April meeting date: Changed to April 21 because of holiday on April 14. Deadline for submissions remains the same, April 7<sup>th</sup> at noon.

### H. MEETING ADJOURN @ 11:04 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Margaret Graham