

Undergraduate Committee Meeting

MINUTES

December 6, 2018

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Present UCC Members in Harlingen: Hsuying Ward, Timothy Brush, Jonathan Guist, Carlton Nelson, Margaret Graham

Present UCC Members via Zoom: SJ Kumar, Jaime Mancha, Jeannean Ryman

Present Office of Academic and Institutional Excellence (OAIE): Laura Saenz, Associate Vice President OAIE, Rosie Peña

Absent UCC Members: Clara Downey

Guests:

CALL TO ORDER @ 9:14am

B. REVIEW OF MINUTES – November 9, 2018

Approval of Minutes: Motion to Approve: Brush; 2nd: Graham Approved: Unanimous

- Unanimous approval with the amendment proposed by Dr. Kumar to revise “Approval by Department Committee” to “Approval by Department Curriculum Committee”

C. REVIEW OF SUBMISSIONS

a. College of Sciences

1. Biology

- Revise Course: BIOL 4415, 4417
 - Presenter: Timothy Brush
 - BIOL 4415: Remove Pre-requisite (BIOL 3314 – Invertebrate Zoology) – this is a very different kind of class and is acting as a bottle neck necessitating the processing of a lot of waivers
 - BIOL 4417: first time taught at UTRGV – this is a holdover from UTPA and people are realizing there are some mistakes with the pre-requisites – BIOL 3415 not appropriate – offered infrequently to small number of students. This will prevent a lot of people from taking this course. Biology Curriculum Committee Chair approves of these changes.
 - Form needed revision pending clarification from department rep. during this meeting. Dr. Brush confirmed that prerequisite should be BIOL 3301 or BIOL 3306.
 - Dr. Kumar requested assurance that this change was reviewed by all appropriate parties – Dr. Brush confirms
 - Motion to Approve : Graham, 2nd: Nelson; Approved: Unanimous

b. College of Fine Arts

1. Theater

- Revise Course: THTF 1336
 - Presenter: Peter Mikolasky
 - Discussion: Revision of Co-requisite/Pre-requisite not working due to class size and availability of instructors. Removing these Co/Pre-requisites so students will be not be prevented from taking this class. Change to be effective Spring 2019.
 - Motion to Approve: Brush; 2nd: Graham; Approved: Unanimous

c. College of Liberal Arts

1. History

- Add Course: HIST 3377
- Revise Course: HIST 3372
- Delete Course: HIST 3373
 - Presenter: Robert Hoppens
 - History of East Asia II was repetitive. Need a stand alone History of Modern Korea course. Eliminate redundant East Asia II course and since there is no East Asia II course, need to change name of East Asia I.
 - Motion to Approve: Nelson; 2nd: Graham; Approved: Unanimous

2. Sociology and Anthropology

- Add Course: ANTH 4320; 4351; 4377
 - Presenter: Sarah Rowe & Margaret Graham
 - ANTH 4320 Welfare & Society - offered several times as a special topics – very successful in terms of student interest and enrollment – nice complement to course offerings.
 - ANTH 4351 Global Health Critical Perspectives – building on the success of lower level Global Health course – offering a more robust take on the field – helping build in some directions department is hoping to take curriculum overall
 - ANTH 4377 Cultural Heritage – offered previously with success and also helping build in directions department wants to take the program
 - Question from Dr. Brush: Does the department have faculty & resources to teach? Answer: Yes
 - Question from Dr. Nelson: Do these new courses have approval of department and department curriculum committee? Answer: Yes
 - Motion to Approve: Brush; 2nd: Nelson; Approved: Unanimous
- Revise Course: ANTH 4317; 4385
 - ANTH 4317 Field Experiences from the Borderlands – making the description broader than currently reads so that it can encompass both cultural anthropological and archeological field work rather than just being focused on cultural anthropology. A total of 15 hrs can be earned.

- Question from Dr. Brush: Description says “conduct a research project” – revise to be more specific “conduct an anthropological research project” – no objection from department representative – will revise.
 - ANTH 4385 Special Topics: Reduced ANTH hours required as pre-req from 6 hours to 3 so that students can benefit from the Special Topics earlier in their coursework. In addition, emphasize that students can be enrolled in multiple special topics courses at the same time and can repeat 5 times for credit (up to a max. of 15 hours total)
 - Motion to Approve: Nelson; 2nd: Brush; Approved: Unanimous
- Delete Course: ANTH 1353, 2401, 3346, 3347, 4302, 4313, 4353, 4380
 - Course deleted due to changes in faculty expertise and changing direction of program. Courses haven’t been taught. Electives are being deleted because no faculty to teach. No impact on student degree – all are electives and fit into a category where students have other options they can take
- Motion to Approve: Nelson; 2nd: Brush; Approved: Unanimous
- Revise Program: BA in Anthropology
 - Eliminating Introduction to Folklore Course because it is being deleted
 - Changing Major Requirements from 21 to 27 hours - eliminating courses marked for deletion – adding the new courses
 - Free Electives changed from 24 to 36 hours of free electives – eliminated the requirement for a minor – taking 18 hours previously required for a minor and shuffled them into the Free Electives and Major Requirements
- Motion to Approve: Nelson; 2nd: Brush; Approved: Unanimous
- Delete Program: Minor in Folklore
 - No longer have faculty that specialize in this area and this is not a direction that the program will go with future hires
 - Have a plan to teach out or transition current minors
- Motion to Approve: Brush; 2nd: Nelson; Approved: Unanimous

3. Interdisciplinary Programs and Community Engagement

- Revise Courses: TRSP/SPAN 3341, TRSP/SPAN 3342, TRSP/SPAN 3343, TRSP/SPAN 4342, TRSP/SPAN 4345, TRSP/SPAN 4347
 - Presenter: Gabriel Gonzalez
- Revise Program: BA in Spanish Translation and Interpreting, Minor in Spanish Translation, UCert in Healthcare Interpreting
 - Presenter: Gabriel Gonzalez

- Renaming TRSP/SPAN 3341 to “Introduction to Spanish/English Translation” – this is the entry point for all translation/interpreting courses and is being done to fix a difficulty with a course being transferred in from other UT institutions with an identical prefix and course number. This course is the pre-req for all other courses listed here for revision. These revisions are being requested to reflect this change to the pre-requisite (TRSP/SPAN 3341)
 - Revise Courses and Revise Program voted on together
 - Motion to Approve: Nelson; 2nd: Graham; Approved: Unanimous
- Add Program: UCert in Dual Language (Translation & Interpreting)
 - Presenter: Gabriel Gonzalez
 - Needs further discussion/clarification. Go back to B3 Institute to see whether this needs to go through the UCC or not
 - Motion to Table Item: Brush; 2nd: Graham; Approve: Unanimous

4. Philosophy

- Revise Program: Minor in Philosophy
 - Presenter: Alex Stehn
 - Keeping same distribution of lower & upper division courses but creating more options for the introductory course. Deleting requirement that students MUST take either PHIL 1301 or PHIL 1310 and opening up the options to encompass several additional options
 - Motion to Approve: Graham; 2nd: Brush; Approve: Unanimous

D. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Electronic Voting: Dr. Saenz suggests that perhaps we are not quite ready for this. There was a lot of discussion about seemingly routine items in meeting today so it might be best to hold off on this. Committee members are in agreement.
- Selection of Review Team for next meeting: Guist & Mancha will review items for January Meeting
- Add Approval Line on Form: “Program/School/Dept Curriculum Committee (if existent)”

E. MEETING ADJOURN @ 10:57AM