

Meeting Information

Date and Time: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 4:00 pm

Location: Microsoft Teams

Recorder: Kandee Wickboldt

Committee Members Present	Ex-Officio Members/Guests in Attendance
Dr. Jennifer Guerra, Baccalaureate Program Representative	Christina Cantu
Felisa Saenz, Workforce Education Program Alternate	Esmer Eureste
Daniel Cortez, Workforce Education Program Representative	Christina Cavazos
Reynaldo Jasso, Workforce Education Program Representative Alternate	Sonia Cuellar
Sandra Charles-Garza, Workforce Education Program Representative	Francisco Salinas
Jesus Amaya, Workforce Education Program Representative	Dr. Annette Wingard
Ricardo Olivares, Workforce Education Program Alternate	Daniel Cather
Dr. Andres Molina-Ochoa, Language, Phil & Culture Core Curriculum, Repres.	Dr. Ali Esmaeili
Steven Miller, Workforce Education Program, Representative	Saeed Molki
Nicolas Gutierrez, Academic Program Representative Alternate	Angelita Elizondo Teniente
Patricia Pomares, Academic Program Representative	Hector Cavazos
Dr. Wendi J. W. Williams, Academic Program Alternate	Willie Johnson
Dr. Mehrzad Mahmoudian Geller, Academic Program Representative	Cynthia A. Blanco
Dr. Ludivina Avila, Life & Phys. Sci. Core Curriculum Alternate	Carlos Tello
Dr. Nihan Kayaardi, Soc & Behavioral Sciences Core Curriculum Alternate	Joel Rodriguez
Dr. JeanMarie Fors, Academic Program Alternate	Dr. Emma Miller
Sharon O'Leary, Creative Arts Core Curriculum Representative	Daniel M. Mendoza
Ron Schermerhorn, Academic Program Alternate	Veronica Rodriguez
Dr. Anna Alaniz, Academic Program Representative	Dr. Enriqueta Cortez
Hector Villarreal, Academic Program Representative	Kandee Wickboldt
Dr. Kevin Peek, Workforce Education Program Representative	Erika Guerra
Dr. Brett Millan, Communication Core Curriculum Representative	Laura Salas
Dr. Rebecca Millan, Communication Core Curriculum Alternate	Alejandra Cantu
Dr. Micah Bailey, Language, Phil & Culture Core Curriculum Alternate	Dr. Eric Reittinger
Sayda Ruelas, Workforce Education Program Representative	Javier Reyes
Victor Gomez, History Core Curriculum Alternate	Liza Veliz
Omar Valdez, Workforce Education Program Alternate	Luis Corpus
Dr. Aaron Wilson, Academic Program Alternate	Dr. Maria Cervantes
Sharon Rice, Workforce Education Program Representative	Angela Barrera
Adan Contreras, Political Science Core Curriculum Representative	Dr. Mariano Acevedo
Fred Cady, Soc. & Behavioral Science Core Curriculum Representative	Patricia Saenz
Colleen Brooks, Academic Program Alternate	Dr. Rolando Longoria
Daniel Sanchez, Workforce Education Program Representative	Jing Zhu
Dr. Lydia Bean, Academic Program Representative	Dr. Brittany Leckey
Jenny Chamberlain, Academic Program Alternate	Dr. Antonio Santiago Nunez
Carlo Gonzalez, Academic Program Alternate	
Armando Lopez, Mathematics Core Curriculum Alternate	
James Blair, Academic Program Representative	

Materials Distributed

- Agenda Packet
- October 18, 2022 CWCC Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Dr. Micah Bailey at 4:00 p.m.

II. Housekeeping Rules

Dr. Micah Bailey discussed the housekeeping rules as follows:

1. All members, ex-officio members and guests must sign in with your name and department in the chat window so we can verify attendance and document for the meeting minutes.
2. Please keep microphones on mute to minimize background noise and unmute as needed for questions or voting.
3. Remember to state your name when presenting an item or making a motion.
4. This Committee is a voting committee. Only voting members can make a motion and vote. (Alternates may only vote if the representative is not in attendance.)

III. Minutes from Meeting of October 18, 2022

Dr. Micah Bailey requested the committee members to review the minutes from the previous meeting, which were sent via email for review. Steven Miller made the motion to accept the minutes and Dr. Brett Millan provided a second. The motion carried.

IV. Review and Action as Necessary on Consent Agenda Items

A. Consent Agenda

No.	Department	Revision	Justification
1.	Sociology	Revision of course prerequisite for SOCI 1301 – Introduction to Sociology	The proposed change is to align with the recent changes made to the TSI 2.0 placement scale.
2.	Sociology	Revision of course prerequisite for SOCI 1306 – Social Problems	The proposed change is to align with the recent changes made to the TSI 2.0 placement scale.
3.	Sociology	Revision of course prerequisite for SOCI 2301 – Marriage and Family	The proposed change is to align with the recent changes made to the TSI 2.0 placement scale.
4.	Sociology	Revision of course prerequisite for SOCI 2319 – Minorities Studies	The proposed change is to align with the recent changes made to the TSI 2.0 placement scale.
5.	World Languages-Spanish	Revision of course prerequisite for SPAN 2311 – Intermediate Spanish	The course prerequisite change is needed since the department does not have a placement exam.

Dr. Micah Bailey presented the consent agenda to the committee. Dr. Bailey explained that items may be removed from the consent agenda at the request of any voting member. Items not removed may be adopted by general consent without discussion. This allows the committee members to focus on the items with a more substantial impact on the College. The motion to approve the items in the consent agenda was made by Sharon O’Leary and was seconded by Fred Cady. The motion carried.

V. New Business

A. Sociology

Dr. Micah Bailey asked for a motion to combine Agenda item A1 and A2 together. Sayda Ruelas moved to combine and seconded by Dr. Lydia Bean. The motion carried.

- 1. Addition of SOCI 1301 – Introduction to Sociology to the Component Area Option – Core Curriculum.**
- 2. Addition of SOCI 1306 – Social Problems to the Component Area Option – Core Curriculum.**

Dr. Rolando Longoria presented this item stating that there were recent changes to other programs such as Criminal Justice, which will now impact the section offerings for the Sociology department. The addition of SOCI 1301 and SOCI 1306 to the Component Area option will help to expand options to students. Dr. Longoria shared that he obtained data from the RAS department and learned that student traffic would be reduced by about 500 students a year if those courses are not available for students to take for their core curriculum. The motion to approve was made by Jesus Amaya and was seconded by Jenny Chamberlain. The motion carried.

B. Visual Arts

Dr. Micah Bailey asked for a motion to combine Agenda item B1, B2, B3 and B4 together. Sharon O’Leary moved to combine and seconded by Dr. Mehrzad Mahmoudian Geller. The motion carried.

- 1. Addition of ARTS 1325 – Drawing & Painting to the Creative Arts Elective – Core Curriculum.**
- 2. Addition of ARTS 2326 – Sculpture to the Creative Arts Elective – Core Curriculum.**
- 3. Addition of ARTS 2346 – Ceramics I to the Creative Arts Elective – Core Curriculum.**
- 4. Addition of ARTS 2356 – Photography I to the Creative Arts Elective – Core Curriculum.**

Luis Corpus presented this item and provided a PowerPoint outline of the proposal to add the courses to the Creative Arts Elective Core Curriculum. Mr. Corpus added that these courses meet the critical thinking, communication skills, teamwork, and social responsibility core objectives.

In addition, the courses will offer an additional option for students to explore the creative arts through an immersive approach. The motion to approve was made by Sandra Charles and was seconded by Dr. Anna Alaniz. The motion passed.

C. Philosophy

Dr. Micah Bailey asked for a motion to combine Agenda item C1, C2, C3, C4, C5, C6 and C7 together. Dr. Lydia Bean moved to combine and seconded by Sayda Ruelas. The motion carried.

- 1. Addition of PHIL 1301 – Introduction to Philosophy to the Component Area Option – Core Curriculum.**
- 2. Addition of PHIL 1304 – Introduction to World Religions to the Component Area Option – Core Curriculum.**
- 3. Addition of PHIL 2303 – Introduction to Logic to the Component Area Option – Core Curriculum.**
- 4. Addition of PHIL 2306 – Introduction to Ethics to the Component Area Option – Core Curriculum.**
- 5. Addition of PHIL 2307 – Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy to the Component Area Option – Core Curriculum.**
- 6. Addition of PHIL 2316 – Classical Philosophy to the Component Area Option – Core Curriculum.**
- 7. Addition of PHIL 2321 – Philosophy of Religion to the Component Area Option – Core Curriculum.**

Dr. Brittany Leckey presented this item and stated that by adding these courses to the component area option, a potential barrier would be removed for students who wish to study the content or skills presented in one of the philosophy courses. This would offer the students the opportunity to take a course that they might not otherwise be permitted to take. The motion to approve was made by James Blair and was seconded by Dr. Aaron Wilson. The motion passed.

8. Approval for proposed Pre-Law Track for the Philosophy Associate of Arts.

Dr. Brittany Leckey presented this item proposing to create a Pre-Law track within the Philosophy AA degree that is designed to prepare students for admission into law school. The selected courses for this track align with the UTRGV's pre-law program. Dr. Leckey added that the American Bar Association does not have any single major that they recommend for interest to law school, but philosophy is among the top three of common majors. The motion to approve was made by Sharon O'Leary and was seconded by Dr. Mehrzad Mahmoudian Geller. The motion passed.

VI. Next Meeting Date

Thursday, December 1, 2022, via Microsoft Teams. Agenda items are due by Monday, November 28, 2022. Dr. Micah Bailey informed the committee that due to the expected high volume of items for the December meeting, the meeting would be extended by an additional 30

minutes and informed the committee members to make an effort to stay during that time in order to keep quorum.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the motion to adjourn was made by Jenny Chamberlain was seconded by Fred Cady. Dr. Micah Bailey adjourned the meeting at 4:29 p.m.