



## College-Wide Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes

### Meeting Information

Date and Time: Thursday, December 5, 2024, at 4:00 pm

Location: Microsoft Teams

Recorder: Kandee Wickboldt

| Committee Members Present                                              | Ex-Officio Members/Guests in Attendance |
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| Betty Chong Menard, Workforce Education Program Alternate              | Esmer Eureste                           |
| Jorge Fuentes, Academic Program Alternative                            | Carlos Limas                            |
| Dr. Anna Alaniz, Academic Program Representative                       | Dr. Ludivina Avila                      |
| Dr. Reynaldo Jasso, Workforce Education Program Representative         | Christina Cavazos                       |
| Dr. Micah Bailey, Lang., Phil & Culture Core Curriculum Representative | Dr. Ravindra Nandigam                   |
| Dr. Jose Sanchez, Soc. & Behavioral Sciences Core Curriculum Alternate | Dr. Christopher Nelson                  |
| Pablo Cortez, Mathematics Core Curriculum Alternate                    | Saeed Molki                             |
| Dr. Reginald Gonzales, Academic Program                                | Carla Balleza                           |
| Dr. Paul Gonzalez, Academic Program Representative                     | Kandee Wickboldt                        |
| Hector Villarreal, Academic Program Representative                     | Dr. Rachel Sale                         |
| Jesus Amaya, Workforce Education Program Representative                | Mario Serna                             |
| Dr. Rebecca Millan, Communication Core Curriculum Alternate            | Carlos Tello                            |
| Dr. JeanMarie Fors, Academic Program Representative                    | Yolonda E. Jaramillo                    |
| Jessica Schnee, Communication Core Curriculum Representative           | Mario Morin                             |
| Sharon Rice, Workforce Education Program Representative                | Stephanie Gonzalez                      |
| Fred Cady, Political Science Core Curriculum Representative            | Alejandra Cantu                         |
| Dr. Ruben Flores, Academic Program Alternate                           | Mark Murray                             |
| Eduardo Pastor Jr., Workforce Education Program Alternate              | Cynthia A. Blanco                       |
| Pedro Perez, Academic Program Representative                           | Carissa R. Hayden                       |
| Onesimo Trevino, Academic Program Representative                       | Willie Johnson                          |
| Dr. Sandra Moreno, Academic Program Alternate                          | Dr. Brittany Leckey                     |
| Fernanda Leal, Workforce Education Program Representative              | Leslee Dominguez                        |
| Adan Contreras, Academic Program Representative                        | Vanessa Salinas                         |
| Sayda Ruelas, Workforce Education Program Representative               | Eduardo Daniel Quintanilla              |
| Melinda Tellez, Workforce Education Program Representative             | Jose Jasso                              |
| Veronica Rodriguez, Academic Program Representative                    | Javier Reyes                            |
| Dr. Saiyid Wahid, Life & Physical Science Core Curriculum Alternate    | Christina Cantu                         |
| Ana Riojas, Soc. & Behavioral Science Core Curriculum Representative   | Dr. Andres Molina Ochoa                 |
| Rogelio Escaname, Academic Program Alternate                           | Angelita Elizondo Teniente              |
| Sharon O'Leary, Creative Arts Core Curriculum Alternate                | Dr. Brett Millan                        |
| Juan Chapa, Workforce Education Program Representative                 | Daniel Cather                           |
| Nicolas H. Gutierrez, Academic Program Representative                  | Gabriela E. Pena                        |
|                                                                        | Jose Olivares-Alarcon                   |
|                                                                        | Dr. Jesus H. Campos                     |
|                                                                        | Jose Vela                               |
|                                                                        | Dr. Juan Ramirez                        |
|                                                                        | Liza Veliz                              |

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|                           | Michelle Mendoza                        |
|                           | Dr. Sara Lozano                         |
|                           | Victor Valdez                           |
|                           | Dr. Rolando Longoria                    |

### Materials Distributed

- Agenda
- Agenda Packet
- November 19, 2024 - College-Wide Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes
- College-Wide Curriculum Committee Membership List

| Agenda Item                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call to Order<br/>The meeting was called to order by Jesus Amaya at 4:00 p.m.</li> <li>• Housekeeping Rules<br/>Jesus Amaya discussed the housekeeping rules as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 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.</li> <li>○ Please keep microphones on <u>mute</u> to minimize background noise and unmute as needed for questions or voting.</li> <li>○ Remember to state your name when presenting an item or making a motion.</li> <li>○ This Committee is a voting committee. <u>Only</u> voting members can make a motion and vote. (Alternates may only vote if the representative is not in attendance.)</li> <li>○ Reminder: Quorum attendance check if meetings exceed 5:00 p.m.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Minutes from Meeting of November 19, 2024<br/>Jesus Amaya requested the committee members to review the minutes from the previous meeting, which were emailed for revisions or corrections. The motion to approve was made by Sharon Rice and was seconded by Dr. Reynaldo Jasso. The majority of the committee voted in favor of the motion: 19 in favor / 0 opposed / 0 abstained. The motion carried.</li> </ul> |
| New Business                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>World Language</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Deletion of HUMA 1302- Introduction to Humanities II – Non-Western from the South Texas College course inventory.<br/><br/>Hector Villarreal presented on this item requesting the approval to delete HUMA 1302 – Introduction to Humanities II-Non-Western from the course inventory as it hasn't been offered in recent years due to lack of demand. The motion to approve was made by Sayda Ruelas and was seconded by Dr. Reynaldo Jasso. The majority of the committee voted in favor of the motion: 24 in favor / 0 opposed / 0 abstained. The motion carried.</li> <li>2. Deletion of HUMA 1302- Introduction to Humanities II – Non-Western from the South Texas College Core Curriculum- Creative Arts.<br/><br/>Hector Villarreal presented on this item requesting the approval to remove HUMA 1302- Introduction to Humanities II-Non-Western from the South Texas College Core Curriculum- Creative Arts as it hasn't been offered in recent years due to lack of demand. The motion to</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

approve was made by Melinda Tellez and was seconded by Sayda Ruelas. The majority of the committee voted in favor of the motion: 23 in favor / 0 opposed / 0 abstained. The motion carried.

## **Education**

1. Replace “Life & Physical Sciences Electives – Field of Study” with SPAN 2313 – Spanish for Native/Heritage Speakers I and MUSI 1306 – Music Appreciation in the EC- 6 Generalist Associate of Arts in Teaching.
2. Requirement of MATH 1414 – College Algebra for the Mathematics Elective - Core Curriculum for the EC-6 Generalist Associate of Arts in Teaching.
3. Requirement of ARTS 1301 – Art Appreciation for the Creative Arts Elective - Core Curriculum for the EC-6 Generalist Associate of Arts in Teaching.
4. Removal of COSC 1301 – Introduction to Computing as a recommended option for the Component Area Option – Core Curriculum for the EC-6 Generalist Associate of Arts in Teaching.
5. Revise the Language, Philosophy & Culture Core Curriculum Elective courses with SPAN 2315 - Spanish for Native/Heritage Speakers II.
6. Removal of “Recommended PHYS 1415 – Physical Science I” for the Life & Physical Sciences Elective and allow an open option for students.
7. Removal of “Recommended PHYS 1417 – Physical Sciences II” for the Life & Physical Sciences Elective and allow an open option for students.

Jesus Amaya requested a motion to combine items 1-7 since they all relate to the same degree plan. The motion to combine items 1-7 was made by Dr. Micah Bailey and was seconded by Dr. Reynaldo Jasso. The majority of the committee voted in favor of the motion: 22 in favor / 0 opposed / 0 abstained. The motion carried.

Dr. Juan Ramirez presented on the first item stating that the change to replace the Life & Physical Sciences Electives from the field of study and replacing with MUSI 1306 and SPAN 2313 will align with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Field of Study for the EC-6 program. He continued to present that MATH 1414 and ARTS 1301 were previously recommended but should now be required courses to align with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Field of Study. Dr. Ramirez then explained the fourth item stating that COSC 1301-Introduction to Computing is not required and the speech course would benefit students in preparation for transferring to the university. In addition, the request to revise the Language, Philosophy & Culture Core Curriculum Elective courses with Spanish 2315 will align with UTRGV’s transfer plan and prepare students for the Spanish Content Area exam. Lastly, he explained that the removal of the recommended PHYS 1415 and PHYS 1417 will allow students to take directive electives if transferring to an institution other than UTRGV.

A question arose from a committee member on whether these changes affect the middle school program. Juan Ramirez stated these changes do not affect the middle school program or the high school program and only the elementary education as most of the students transfer to UTRGV. The motion to approve this was made by Sharon Rice and was seconded by Melinda Tellez. The majority of the committee voted in favor of the motion: 24 in favor / 0 opposed / 0 abstained.

### **Business Administration (Transfer)**

1. Addition of MATH 1325 – Calculus for Business & Social Sciences as an option instead of ACCT 2302 - Principles of Managerial Accounting for the Business Administration Transfer Plan.

Jose Olivares-Alarcon presented on this item stating that they have been collaborating with Texas A&M to create a pathway for their Agricultural Economics Program, specifically the Agricultural Business discipline. The proposed addition will benefit students pursuing the Texas A&M Economics pathway to seamlessly transition into the program. The motion to approve this was made by Fernanda Leal and was seconded by Sayda Ruelas. The majority of the committee voted in favor of the motion: 23 in favor / 0 opposed / 0 abstained. The motion carried.

**Jesus Amaya stated that this item will not be presented today as he was informed that the items are going to be taken back to the Division Committee for additional review, therefore these items would be withdrawn at this time and will likely come back in a future meeting.**

### **Criminal Justice**

1. Approval for proposed Law Enforcement Track for the Criminal Justice Associate of Arts.

**Justification:** The proposed track will prepare students for direct entry into the career field if they do not wish to transfer to a university.

2. Approval for proposed Investigations Track for the Criminal Justice Associate of Arts.

**Justification:** The proposed track will prepare students for direct entry into the career field if they do not wish to transfer to a university.

3. Approval for proposed Corrections Track for the Criminal Justice Associate of Arts.

**Justification:** The proposed track will prepare students for direct entry into the career field if they do not wish to transfer to a university.

4. Approval for proposed Criminal Law Track for the Criminal Justice Associate of Arts.

**Justification:** The proposed track will prepare students for direct entry into the career field if they do not wish to transfer to a university.

### **Announcements/Adjournment**

Next Meeting – Tentatively Thursday, January 30, 2025 (for emergent items only)

There being no further business, the motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Micah Bailey and was seconded by Melinda Tellez. Jesus Amaya adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m. The majority of the committee voted in favor of the motion: 23 in favor / 0 opposed / 0 abstained. The motion carried.