

**UCC members present via Zoom:** Jon Jaspersen (Chair), Mays Business School; Jim Herman (Vice Chair), College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences; Shelley Holliday, College of Architecture; Chris Cherry, College of Education and Human Development; Angie Hill Price, College of Engineering; Christian Brannstrom, College of Geosciences; Steve Oberhelman, College of Liberal Arts; Sharon Dormire, College of Nursing; Sherry Lin, School of Public Health; Lucas Macri, College of Science; Stephanie Graves, Texas A&M University Libraries; Jean Layne, Center for Teaching Excellence.

The Undergraduate Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the following:

The meeting minutes of February 5, 2021.

Courses and programs as listed below.

**COURSES**

Item #	Status	Code	Title	Initiator	Received	NTFA
B1	Deleted	<a href="#">MUSC 200</a>	<a href="#">MUSC 200: Topics in Music</a>	kkattari	2/19/2021	
B2	Deleted	<a href="#">MUSC 400</a>	<a href="#">MUSC 400: Senior Seminar and Project</a>	kkattari	2/19/2021	
B3	Deleted	<a href="#">RPTS 408</a>	<a href="#">RPTS 408: Community Development and Supporting Institutions</a>	susan-g-scott	2/11/2021	
C6	Edited	<a href="#">AGEC 316</a>	<a href="#">AGEC 316: Building Customer Relationships in AgriFood Selling</a>	dchester	2/11/2021	No
C7	Edited	<a href="#">FINC 341</a>	<a href="#">FINC 341: Business Finance</a>	tdye	2/22/2021	Yes
C8	Edited	<a href="#">HIST 402</a>	<a href="#">HIST 402: History of Modern Germany</a>	brianr	2/19/2021	No
C9	Edited	<a href="#">IBUS 459</a>	<a href="#">IBUS 459: Latin American Markets</a>	nhara	2/22/2021	Yes
C10	Edited	<a href="#">MARB 310</a>	<a href="#">MARB 310: Introduction to Cell Biology</a>	ballr	2/9/2021	No
C11	Edited	<a href="#">MARB 335</a>	<a href="#">MARB 335: Fish Physiology</a>	ballr	2/9/2021	No
C12	Edited	<a href="#">MGMT 363</a>	<a href="#">MGMT 363: Managing People in Organizations</a>	k-mora	2/22/2021	No
C13	Edited	<a href="#">MKTG 321</a>	<a href="#">MKTG 321: Marketing</a>	hannahmcole	2/22/2021	No
C14	Edited	<a href="#">RDNG 468</a>	<a href="#">RDNG 468: Essential Foundations of Language and Literacy for All Learners</a>	jhammer	2/9/2021	Yes
C15	Edited	<a href="#">SPAN 407</a>	<a href="#">SPAN 407: Spanish-English Translation</a>	aperezsmith	2/19/2021	Yes

NTFA = Non-Traditional Format Approval

Previously approved for NTFA

**PROGRAMS**

Item #	Status	Code	Title	Initiator	Received
H1	Deleted	<a href="#">BS-HLTH-SCH</a>	<a href="#">BS-HLTH-SCH: Health - BS, School Health Track</a>	rrahn	2/9/2021
H2	Deleted	<a href="#">BS-KINE-PEK</a>	<a href="#">BS-KINE-PEK: Kinesiology - BS, All-Level Physical Education Teacher Certification Track</a>	rrahn	2/9/2021

The following proposals were pulled from the agenda at the request of the college.

A2	Added	<a href="#">ITAL 221</a>	<a href="#">ITAL 221: Field Studies I</a>	mmarchesini	2/19/2021	Yes
A3	Added	<a href="#">ITAL 222</a>	<a href="#">ITAL 222: Field Studies II</a>	mmarchesini	2/19/2021	Yes

*The committee met via Zoom to discuss the following under Other Business. The curricular items were approved via e-vote.*

1. SACSCOC New Substantive Change Policy - Dr. Michael T. Stephenson

Dr. Michael Stephenson, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Strategic Initiatives was present to provide information regarding the new SACSCOC Substantive Change Policy that went into effect on January 1, 2021. Dr. Stephenson presented key points that are most likely to affect those here at Texas A&M University. Handouts of the presentation were provided within the UCC March Agenda.

For new Programs with 50% or more new content requiring SACSCOC approval prior to implementation, the UCC discussed the deadline for new programs and all new courses required for the new programs to be submitted and received by UCC by the November agenda deadline. It was discussed that the deadline and information posted on the Registrar website "Deadline for Curricular Approvals - November Deadline" be updated to include specific program information (degrees, certificates) and all new courses required for those new programs. These updates have been made to the Registrar Website at <https://registrar.tamu.edu/Our-Services/Curricular-Services/Curricular-Processes#0-DeadlineforCurricularApprovals>.

2. Course Description Format

The possibility for revising the course description format was discussed. This discussion was brought forth to the committee to provide an opportunity to allow for a different set of guidelines since the catalog is no longer printed. Several colleges expressed the same concerns of not being interested in going back and revising all previous course descriptions. There was discussion about the possibility of revising going forward, however, there was not much enthusiasm. Based upon the discussions, no action is being taken. This was only a topic for committee discussion.

3. Topic brought to committee for discussion: Online Catalog (Current and Preliminary Catalogs)

Dr. Dormire from the College of Nursing presented the idea of having two online catalogs (current and preliminary catalogs) available online like Florida Atlantic University (FAU) uses with a July curricular deadline: <https://www.fau.edu/registrar/registration/catalog.php#> and the possibility of an improvement to processes. These catalogs were reviewed and the topic was discussed by the committee. The deadline for Texas A&M catalogs were shared in detail for the reasons why the deadlines are set the way they are currently. Concerns were expressed for having a preliminary catalog that a student would come in with expectations of something being approved, as well as keeping up with changes in two posted catalogs. Based upon discussion and the reason why Texas A&M has the current deadlines and processes, then it was decided that having two online catalogs would not necessarily align with Texas A&M's processes and improve the current curricular and catalog processes.