

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

E-vote Meeting Agenda

April 2, 2021



1. Approval of the meeting minutes of March 5, 2021.
2. Courses and Programs
 - a. New, Withdrawals, Changes
3. Other Business

MEETING MINUTES

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

NTFA = Non-Traditional Format Approval

Previously approved for NTFA

PROGRAMS

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

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

A2	Added	ITAL 221	ITAL 221: Field Studies I	mmarchesini	2/19/2021	Yes
A3	Added	ITAL 222	ITAL 222: Field Studies II	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.

COURSES AND PROGRAMS
NEW, WITHDRAWALS, CHANGES

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UCC Chair (12)

COURSES

Item #	Status	Code	Title	Initiator	Received	NTFA
A4	Added	CSCE 448	CSCE 448: Computational Photography	dzsong	3/10/2021	Yes
A5	Added	MARA 360	MARA 360: Maritime Cybersecurity Issues	amw244	3/10/2021	Yes
B4	Deleted	GEOL 300	GEOL 300: Field Geology	bvmiller	3/10/2021	
B5	Deleted	GEOL 302	GEOL 302: Introduction to Petrology	bvmiller	3/10/2021	
B6	Deleted	GEOL 305	GEOL 305: Paleobiology	bvmiller	3/10/2021	
B7	Deleted	GEOL 307	GEOL 307: Dinosaur World	bvmiller	3/10/2021	
B8	Deleted	GEOL 309	GEOL 309: Introduction to Geological Field Methods	bvmiller	3/10/2021	
B9	Deleted	GEOL 311	GEOL 311: Principles of Geological Writing	bvmiller	3/10/2021	
C16	Edited	FINC 371	FINC 371: Real Estate Decision-Making	jrpeterson	3/11/2021	Yes
C17	Edited	FINC 475	FINC 475: Real Estate Investment Analysis	jrpeterson	3/11/2021	Yes
C18	Edited	GENE 302	GENE 302: Principles of Genetics	akmcgaff	3/11/2021	No
C19	Edited	GEOL 451	GEOL 451: Introduction to Geochemistry	bvmiller	3/10/2021	No

UCC Chair (2)

PROGRAMS

Item #	Status	Code	Title	Initiator	Received
D4	Edited	BS-BICH	BS-BICH: Biochemistry - BS	akmcgaff	3/11/2021
D5	Edited	BS-USBU-BUS*	BS-USBU-BUS*: University Studies - BS, Business Concentration	lwindle	3/11/2021

UCC & GC Chairs (1)

PROGRAMS

Item #	Status	Code	Title	Initiator	Received
H5	Deleted	BA/MOS- GEOL/OCST- GOC	BA/MOS-GEOL/OCST-GOC: Geology - 5-Year Bachelor of Arts/Master of Ocean Science and Technology	bvmiller	3/10/2021

OTHER BUSINESS