

**UTEP Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
Meeting Agenda
June 1, 2020**

I. Call to order

Meeting was called to order by C. Ellis at 3:05 p.m.

II. Members present:

- Carla Ellis, School of Nursing
- Andrew Fleck, College of Lib Arts
- Vinod Kumar, College of Engineering
- Hettie Houghton, College of Business
- Emre Umucu, College of Health Sciences
- Rey Reyes, College of Education
- Art Duval, College of Science
- Jose Herrera, College of Education, At-Large
- James Salvador, College of Science, At-Large
- Lori Acosta, School of Nursing, At-Large
- Juan Jose Martinez, Student Member
- Matthew Garcia, Student Member

III. Visitors present: See list

IV. Old Business:

A. Minutes from April 27, 2020 meeting, approved by online vote on April 28, 2020

Motion passes (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstentions)

B. Policy Changes: None

C. Tabled Items: Elections for Chair AY 20/21:

Art Duval, Chair

Motion to Approve made by Andrew Fleck, seconded Lori Acosta

Motion passes (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)

proposed meeting dates for AY 20/21 (see attached)

Motion to Approve only first meeting Aug 31, 3pm, made by Hettie Houghton, seconded by Lori Acosta

Motion passes (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)

V. New Business:

A. College of Education

1. Department of Dean's Office

- a. Proposal: Revision to Secondary Education Minor/Concentration**
- b. Action Item: Add the existing course BED 4317: Teaching and Empowering English-Language Learners (ELL) in Secondary schools to the secondary education minor/concentration (all disciplines) in place of SCED 3317 Multicultural Education.**
- c. Rationale: This proposed change is necessitated by state-level policy changes to teacher certification. In July 2018, the Texas Education Agency amended their requirements for teachers who have ELLs in their classrooms; these teachers now need to have ESL Supplemental certification (TExES #154 exam), in addition to their content certification**
- d. Motion to Approve made by Art Duval, seconded by Emre Umuu.**

Motion passes (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)

B. College of Liberal Arts

1. Department of Theater and Dance

- a. Proposal: Change to BFA Theatre Concentrations in Performance and Musical Theatre**
- b. Action Item: Move THEA 4305: Arts Entrepreneurship from required to elective and Add THEA 3341: Acting for the Camera from elective to required for all BFA Theatre Performance and Musical Theatre concentrations.**
- c. Rationale: At this challenging time, it is apparent that acting students MUST be camera ready. They must be comfortable working in front of a lens. In addition, the focus of Arts Entrepreneurship at present is largely technical.**
- d. Motion to Approve made by Andrew Fleck, seconded by Hettie Houghton.**

Motion passes (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)

C. College of Business Administration

1. Department of Economics and Finance

- a. Proposal: Curriculum change in the risk management concentration**
- b. Action Item: Delete FIN 4345: Financial Econometrics and add FIN 4341: Actuarial Finance II (new course) in the Risk Management Concentration.**
- c. Rationale: We have found out that in order to properly prepare students for their chosen career and additional class in actuarial finance is more useful than a class in financial econometrics. Students who fall under earlier catalogues will be advised to take FIN 4341 instead.**
- d. Motion to Approve made by Hettie Houghton, seconded by Art Duval**

Motion passes (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)

2. Department of Accounting and Information Systems

- a. Proposal: Curriculum update for the BBA in Computer Information Systems (CIS)-Minors for Business and Non-Business Students.**
- b. Action Item: Change CIS Minor degree to two separate minors, one for Business students and one for Non-Business students:**

Business students: Includes 3 required courses (CIS 3345, CIS 3350, CIS 4385) and the choice of one elective from a list of 8 courses (see the details in proposal) for a total of 12 hours

Non-Business students: includes 5 required courses (CIS 3325, CIS 3345, CIS 3350, CIS 4375, CIS 4385) and 1 elective from a list of 8 courses (see proposal) for a total of 18 hours.

- c. **Rationale:** The CIS faculty examined the feedback received from the College Undergraduate Advising Office and decided to align the CIS Minors for Business and Non-Business students with other bachelor's degree in the College of Business Administration
- d. **Motion to Approve** made by Hettie Houghton, seconded by Art Duval

Motion passes (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)

D. College of Engineering

1. Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

- a. **Proposal:** Addition to EE 5190 to the Fast-Track Programs in Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE)
- b. **Action Item:** Add EE 5190: Special Topics Lab in ECE to the list of courses available to the Fast Track Programs in the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department.
 - Fast-Track Combined BSEE/Master of Science in Electrical Engineering
 - Fast-Track Combined BSEE/Master of Science in Computer Engineering
 - Fast-Track Combined BSEE/Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering
- c. **Rationale:**
- d. **Motion to Approve** made by Art Duval, seconded by Emre Umucu

Motion passes (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)

2. Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

- a. **Proposal:** Changes to various undergraduate courses in EE
- b. **Action Item:** See proposal for further details
 - **EE 3329:** Change of pre-requisites **Rationale:** The changes will allow students to enroll in EE 3329 sooner in their degree plan.
 - **EE 3384:** Changes in title and description **Rationale:** Update course title and description to emphasize focus on applications to Electrical and Computer Engineering
 - **EE 4350:** Changes in title, pre-requisites, description, and allow 2 repeats for credit **Rationale:** To reflect what is taught in the course in a rapidly changing and growing field. The new description will allow distinct instructors to teach contemporary devices in their particular area of expertise. The new restriction will allow students to take the course at most twice when different topics are covered. The addition of Quantum Mechanics (EE 3325) pre-requisite will ensure all students have the proper technical background for the course.
 - **EE 4356:** Changes in title, pre-requisites, Majors Restrictions, and description **Rationale:** The title needs to include the word digital to make clear both (a) the emphasis on digital (discrete-time) signal processing and (b) its association with the pre-requisites EE 3353 and EE 3376 (or CS 3432). The new description reorganizes the previous course description and removes the sentence "emphasizing the

**practical aspects of design over theory," that could convey the
misconception of no need for DSP theory**

c. Motion to Approve made by Lori Acosta, seconded by Hettie Houghton

Motion passes (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)

VI. Motion to adjourn made by Hettie Houghton, seconded by Andrew Fleck

Motion passes (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.