

**UTEP Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
Meeting Agenda
April 26, 2021**

I. Call to order

Meeting was called to order by A. Duval at 3:03 p.m.

II. Members present:

- Tracey Merworth, 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
- Daniel Vasquez, Student Member
- Dominic Kelly, Student Member

III. Visitors present:

- Dr. Virgilio Gonzalez, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Dr. Guillermina Gina Nunez-Mchiri, Faculty Senate President
- Dr. Toni Blum, Office of the Provost
- Dr. Julie Rivera, Office of the Provost
- Enid Martin, Office of Admissions and Recruitment
- Yasmin Flores, El Paso Community College
- Yvette Huerta, El Paso Community College
- James Stratton, Department of Theatre & Dance

IV. Old Business:

A. Minutes from April 5, 2021 meeting, approved by online vote on April 6, 2021. **Motion passes/fails (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)**

B. Policy Changes:

C. Tabled Items:

V. New Business:

A. College of Engineering

1. Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

- a. Proposal: Course Revision – EE 3353 Discrete Time Signals and Systems
- b. Action Item: Change prerequisite of EE 3353 from EE 2353 (Continuous Time Signals & Systems) AND MATH 2326 (Differential Equations) to EE 2350 (Electric Circuits I) AND CS 1320 (Computer Programming for Scientists and Engineers)
- c. Rationale: Update prerequisites to minimum required to take the course based on Digital Systems Processing (DSP) first approach, and support recently approved computer engineering minor and proposed BS in computer engineering. This is a national movement to introduce teaching DSP early in the curriculum and increase student engagement in this area.
- d. **Motion to approve made by Herrera, seconded by Merworth. Motion passes (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)**

B. College of Liberal Arts

1. Department of Theatre & Dance

- a. Proposal: Theatre Practicum correction
- b. Action Item: Change title of THEA 2110 from Practicum I to Scenery Practicum, and change course description. Also remove existing prerequisites, THEA 2301 (Principles of Scenery) and THEA 2303 (Acting Fundamentals). Create new courses THEA 2111 (Costume Practicum), THEA 2112 (Lighting), THEA 2113 (Box Office), and THEA 2114 (Dinner Theatre). In the BFA in Theatre and the BA in Theatre Arts, replace THEA 2110 (Theatre Practicum I), THEA 3110 (Theatre Practicum II), and THEA 4110 (Theatre Practicum III) by three of THEA 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, or 2114.
- c. Rationale: The titles of the existing Theatre Practicum courses make it difficult for students to register for the correct section. This proposal corrects this by giving unique course titles to each section that directly relates to the subject matter of each section.
- d. **Motion to approve made by Fleck, seconded by Herrera. Motion passes (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)**

C. Announcement: Dr. Fleck asked Dr. Nunez-Mchiri to provide an update on a “speedbump” that has come up about a previously approved course proposal in Liberal Arts. Nunez-Mchiri is asking the department to meet to discuss concerns raised by Dr. Wilson about a course proposal in the core curriculum. Although there is no specific timeline to make these changes, we hope to hear back in time for the May meeting. Dr. Blum agreed that the department might make some revisions to agree on the language of the proposal before it comes to us.

VI. Motion to adjourn at 3:13 pm.