

**College of Liberal Arts Curriculum Committee**  
Agenda for the Third Meeting of the Fall 2023 Semester  
12:30 PM October 4, 2023  
Virtual Meeting on Zoom

Chair: Selfa Chew-Melendez

**I. Call to Order**

- Meeting called to order at 12:33 PM

**II. Quorum Call**

Meredith Abarca	<i>English</i>	Present
Arthur Aguirre	<i>Leadership and Community Engagement</i>	Present
Clayton Bench	<i>Religious Studies</i>	Present
Carina Heckert	<i>Sociology and Anthropology</i>	Present
Josiah Heyman	<i>Sociology and Anthropology</i>	Present
Takeo Hiroi	<i>Political Science and Public Administration</i>	Present
Melinda Tasca	<i>Criminal Justice and Security Studies</i>	Present
Sara Potter	<i>Languages and Linguistics</i>	Present
Manuel Ramirez	<i>Chicano Studies</i>	Present
Susan Stanfield	<i>History</i>	Present
Ana Schwartz	<i>Psychology</i>	Present
James Stratton	<i>Theatre and Dance</i>	Present
Jeffrey Sirkin	<i>Creative Writing</i>	Present
Heather Kaplan	<i>Art</i>	Present
Jeremy Slack	<i>Sociology and Anthropology</i>	Present
Charles Leinberger	<i>Music</i>	Present

**Quorum:** 10

**Members Present:** 16 of 19

**Guests:**

Carlos Chavez	<i>College of Liberal Arts – Dean's Office</i>
Annie Tremblay	<i>Latin-US and Linguistics</i>
Areli Chacon-Silva	<i>Leadership and Community Engagement</i>
LTC James Brogan	<i>Military Science</i>
Steve Wilson	<i>Music</i>

**III. Revision and Approval of September 2023 Minutes**

- Revisions: None
- Motion: Unanimous consent
  - Ana Schwartz abstains, was not present during September meeting
- September 2023 Minutes Approved

**IV. Revision and Approval of September 2023 Special Meeting Minutes**

- Revisions: None
- Motion: Unanimous consent
- September 2023 Special Meeting Minutes Approved

**V. Revision and Approval of October 2023 Agenda**

- Revisions: None
- Motion: Unanimous consent
- October 2023 Agenda Approved

**VI. Special Business**

- No special business to discuss.

**VII. Old Business**

- No old business to discuss.

**VIII. New Business**

- Department of Music
  - Changes to Music History in the Bachelor of Music Degree
    - Discussion led by Leinberger
      - Proposal allows music majors to take a combination of classical and nonclassical music, which will better prepare their graduates for a career in music in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
  - Motion: Unanimous consent
  - Curriculum change approved as submitted
- Latin American and Border Studies Program
  - Removal of Unneeded Pre-Requisites
    - Discussion led by Heyman
      - Proposal requests the removal of unnecessary pre-requisite barrier to students registering to both core courses in the program.
  - Motion: Unanimous consent
  - Curriculum change approved as submitted
- Military Science Program
  - Deactivation of Outdated Courses from UTEP Catalog
    - Discussion led by LTC Brogan
      - Proposal requests the deactivation and removal of outdated courses from the UTEP course catalog.
  - Motion: Unanimous consent
  - Curriculum change approved as submitted
- Leadership and Community Engagement Program
  - Remove the MAT score from the admission criteria to the MLS Program
    - Discussion led by Chacon-Silva
      - Proposal requests that the Miller Analogy Test (MAT) be removed as one of the admissions criteria to the MA in Leadership Studies.
  - Motion: Unanimous consent
  - Curriculum change approved as submitted

- Department of Latin-US and Linguistics
  - Spanish Minor Course Requirement Change and French Minor Course Requirement Change
    - Discussion led by Tremblay
      - Proposal states that due to decreased enrollment in Spanish and French courses and to increase the number of students minoring in Spanish or French, the 'upper division' and 'Elective' requirement credit requirements change; and Spanish language classes double fulfil the foreign language and 'Elective' major requirement simultaneously.
  - Motion for Spanish: Unanimous consent
  - Curriculum change approved as submitted
  - Motion French: Unanimous consent
  - Curriculum change approved as submitted
- Department of Latin-US and Linguistics
  - Spanish Major Foreign Language Requirement
    - Discussion led by Tremblay
      - Proposal requests that Spanish majors can choose Spanish as their Foreign Language; the 'upper division' and 'Elective' requirement credit requirements change; and Spanish language classes double fulfil the foreign language and 'Elective' major requirement simultaneously.
  - Motion: Unanimous consent
  - Curriculum change approved as submitted
- Department of Latin-US and Linguistics
  - New course LING 3316 "Spanish in the U.S."
    - Discussion led by Tremblay
      - Proposal states the course has been offered previously as a Special Topics course, and due to its popularity, would like to make the course available as an elective option.
  - Motion: Unanimous consent
  - Curriculum change approved as submitted
- Department of Latin-US and Linguistics
  - Change LING 2303 & 2304 course names to Italian 1301 (Italian One) & Italian 1302 (Italian Two)
    - Discussion led by Tremblay
      - Proposal requests changing the course names from LING to ITAL since some students believe that the Italian language courses are linguistics courses and not language courses.
  - Motion: Unanimous consent
  - Curriculum change approved as submitted
- College of Liberal Arts
  - College of Liberal Arts new minors – Interdisciplinary Minor
    - Discussion led by Chew-Melendez

- Proposal requests that creating an Interdisciplinary Minor allows students to combine insights, methodologies, and courses from multiple academic disciplines, spanning across traditional academic boundaries. It fulfills the goals of any other minor, complements a major and increases exposure to other disciplines.
  - Motion from Chew-Melendez: table the proposal until further notice
  - Motion: Unanimous consent
  - Proposal tabled until further notice
- College of Liberal Arts
  - College of Liberal Arts new minors – Multicultural Society Minor
    - Discussion led by Chew-Melendez
      - Proposal requests that creating a Multicultural Society Minor provides students with a critical understanding of historical and contemporary issues, addressing the intersections of race and ethnicity with class, gender, and other forms of difference and hierarchy. As is true of other minors, it complements a major and allows exploration of other disciplines.
  - Proposal is tabled until further notice due to lack of quorum

**IX. Other Business**

- Looking ahead to the College of Liberal Arts new minors – Community Engagement and Leadership Minor proposal.

**X. Items Laid on the Table**

- No items laid on the table.

**XI. Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 1:28 PM

**Posted: 11:45 AM on October 25, 2023**