

College of Liberal Arts Curriculum Committee
 Minutes of the Second Meeting of the Spring 2026 Semester
 10:30 AM on Tuesday, May 5th, 2026
 In-Person Meeting – Texas Western Hall Rm 303

Chair: Selfa Chew-Melendez

I. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 10:33 AM

II. Quorum Call

Arthur Aguirre	Leadership Studies	Present
Jane Evans	<i>Chicano Studies, Languages, Linguistics</i>	Present
Chris Guerra	<i>Criminal Justice and Security Studies</i>	Present
Carina Heckert	Sociology and Anthropology	
Cigdem V. Sirin	<i>Political Science and Public Administration</i>	Present
Heather Kaplan	Art	Present
Lindsey Macchiarella	Music	Present
Teresa Quezada	English	Present
Aliya Rumana	Philosophy	
Ana Schwartz	Psychology	Present
James Stratton	<i>Theatre and Dance</i>	Present
Jorge Aguilar Cruz	Communication	Present
Ronald J. Weber	History	Present
Jeffrey Sirkin	<i>Creative Writing</i>	Present
Quorum:	8	
Members Present:	12 of 14	

Also in Attendance:

Julianne Flores	Office of the Dean – College of Liberal Arts	Present
Gaspare Genna	<i>Political Science and Public Administration</i>	Present
Jose Villalobos	<i>Political Science and Public Administration</i>	Present
Bradon Render	<i>African American Studies Program</i>	Present

III. Revision and Approval of March 2026 Minutes

- Revisions: None
- Motion: Unanimous consent
- March 2026 Minutes Approved

IV. Revision and Approval of May 2026 Agenda

- Revisions: None
- Motion: Unanimous consent
- May 2026 Agenda Approved

V. New Business

- African American Studies Program
- Block Elective Change Fine Performing Arts
 - Discussion led by Brandon Render
 - Adding Fine and Performing Arts in African American Studies as a block elective will increase student enrollment from non-African American Studies minors and increase the number of courses available to students seeking a block elective credit.
 - Motion: Unanimous consent
 - Curriculum change approved as submitted
- Block Elective Change Humanities
 - Adding Humanities courses in African American Studies as a block elective will increase student enrollment from non-African American Studies minors and increase the number of courses available to students seeking a block elective credit.
 - Motion: Unanimous consent
 - Curriculum change approved as submitted
- Block Elective Change Social Behavioral
 - Adding Social and Behavioral Science courses in African American Studies as a block elective will increase student enrollment from non-African American Studies minors and increase the number of courses available to students seeking a block elective credit.
 - Motion: Unanimous consent
 - Curriculum change approved as submitted

- Department of Art
- Removal of Prerequisite for Graphic Design 4
 - Discussion led by Heather Kaplan
 - By removing the Graphic Design 3 prerequisite on Graphic Design 4 it will allow students to take the two courses concurrently. This will support students to stay on course to graduate and will alleviate a bottleneck in the degree plan due to enrollment. To prevent students from taking Graphic Design 4 before or concurrently with Graphic Design 1 or 2, both will be added as prerequisites for Graphic Design 4. To maintain proper sequencing Graphic Design 3 will be added to the prerequisite list of the following courses: Graphic Design 5, Graphic Design 6, Graphic Design 7, and Graphic Design 8.
 - Motion Unanimous consent
 - Curriculum changes approved as submitted

- Department of Political Science and Public Administration
- Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs
 - Discussion led by Gaspare Genna
 - The proposed Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs represents a strategic re-designation of our existing BA in Political Science with a concentration in

international politics. Upon approval, the international politics concentration will be discontinued within the Political Science degree. This change involves no curricular modifications, new course development, faculty workload reallocation, or altered degree requirements, only the degree title itself.

- Motion Unanimous consent
- Curriculum changes approved with a friendly amendment to edit proposal language for further approvals.

- Program of Asian Studies
 - Asian Studies Minor Update
 - Discussion led by Selfa A. Chew
 - The core area of the minor is also being updated to include exclusively courses focused on Asia and Asian diasporas, further strengthening the program's regional emphasis. At the same time, previously included courses will continue to be available as electives, allowing students some flexibility while preserving the central focus of the curriculum.
 - Motion Unanimous consent
 - Curriculum changes approved as submitted

- CEL Designations
 - Motion Unanimous consent
 - Approved as submitted

VI. Other Business

- No other business to discuss
- Note to create a workflow chart or update memo to include sending each proposal to C.L.A.S.S Center for review before LACC meetings.
- May/June CEL new proposals need to be approved.

VII. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM