

College of Liberal Arts Curriculum Committee  
Minutes of the Third Meeting of the Fall 2024 Semester  
10:30 AM on November 5, 2024  
Liberal Arts Building, Dean's Conference Room, Room 343

Chair: Selfa Chew-Melendez

**I. Call to Order**

- Meeting called to order at 10:32 AM

**II. Quorum Call**

Meredith Abarca	<i>English</i>	Present
Silvia Aguilar-Zeleny	<i>Creative Writing</i>	Present
Steven Best	<i>Philosophy</i>	Present
Brad Cartwright	<i>History</i>	Present
Theodore Curry	<i>Criminal Justice and Security Studies</i>	Present
Willivaldo Delgadillo	<i>Chicano Studies, Languages, &amp; Linguistics</i>	Present
Takeo Hiroi	<i>Political Science and Public Administration</i>	Present
Ophra Leyser-Whalen	<i>Sociology and Anthropology</i>	Present
Lindsey Macchiarella	<i>Music</i>	Present
Ruth McDonald	<i>Women's and Gender Studies</i>	Present
Ana Schwartz	<i>Psychology</i>	Present
James Stratton	<i>Theatre and Dance</i>	Present
Sarah Upton	<i>Communication</i>	Present
<b>Quorum:</b>	8	
<b>Members Present:</b>	13 of 15	

**Guests:**

Paul Ashby	<i>Criminal Justice and Security Studies</i>	Present
Charles Boehmer	<i>Office of the Dean – College of Liberal Arts</i>	Present
Rodney Chabikwa	<i>Theatre and Dance</i>	Present
Daniel Chacon	<i>Creative Writing</i>	Present
Carlos Chavez	<i>Office of the Dean – College of Liberal Arts</i>	Present
Craig Field	<i>Psychology</i>	Present
Irma Montelongo	<i>Chicano Studies, Languages, &amp; Linguistics</i>	Present
Joseph Ortiz	<i>English</i>	Present
Katherine Serafine	<i>Psychology</i>	Present
Leslie Waters	<i>History</i>	Present
Ronald Weber	<i>Humanities</i>	Present

**III. Revision and Approval of October 2024 Minutes**

- Revisions: None
- Motion: Unanimous consent
- October 2024 Minutes Approved

**IV. Revision and Approval of November 2024 Agenda**

- Revisions: None

- Motion: Unanimous consent
- November 2024 Agenda Approved

## V. New Business

- College of Liberal Arts
  - CEL Designations
    - Discussion led by Chew-Melendez
      - Proposal seeks to add 7 courses and renew 21 courses as CEL designated for the Spring 2025 term.
  - Motion: Unanimous consent
  - Curriculum change approved as submitted
- College of Liberal Arts
  - New Multicultural Society Minor Track for Non-Liberal Arts Students
    - Discussion led by Chew-Melendez
      - Proposal seeks to add a second track to complete the Multicultural Society minor for non-Liberal Arts majors.
  - Motion: Unanimous consent with friendly amendment
  - Undergraduate curriculum change approved with amendments
- Department of Criminal Justice and Security Studies
  - INSS Fast-Track Course Changes 2024
    - Discussion led by Boehmer
      - Proposal seeks to provide more flexibility for students depending on course scheduling.
  - Motion: Unanimous consent
  - Graduate curriculum change approved as submitted
- Department of Criminal Justice and Security Studies
  - INSS Certificate Increase in Elective Options
    - Discussion led by Boehmer
      - Proposal seeks to add all current INSS graduate courses listed in the catalog to the certificate program by expanding the courses listed as electives.
  - Motion: Unanimous consent
  - Graduate curriculum change approved as submitted
- African American Studies Program
  - Updates: Block Electives
    - Discussion led by Chabikwa
      - Proposal seeks to add AFST 3303 to the block electives for the courses focus on history, literature, sociology, and philosophy through the lens of African American studies.
  - Motion: Unanimous consent
  - Undergraduate curriculum change approved as submitted
- Humanities Program
  - HUMN 3314: Theories of Social Change
    - Discussion led by Weber

- Proposal seeks to change the course title to clarify it and bring it more in line with the course content, so that is clearer and more understandable to students.
  - Motion: Unanimous consent
  - Undergraduate curriculum change approved as submitted
- Native American and Indigenous Studies Program
  - Adding HIST 3344 to Electives
    - Discussion led by Chew-Melendez
      - Proposal seeks to add HIST 3344 to the Native American and Indigenous Studies electives, now that it is a standard course.
  - Motion: Unanimous consent
  - Undergraduate curriculum change approved as submitted
- Department of History
  - New Grade Requirement and Approved Electives
    - Discussion led by Cartwright
      - Proposal seeks to change minimum grade to a “C” or better for upper-division coursework; and enhance student readiness by offering additional credit hours of upper-division coursework to equip students for their content area/certification exam.
  - Motion: Unanimous consent
  - Undergraduate curriculum change approved as submitted
- Department of History
  - ADD HIST 4331: Readings in the Social Studies
    - Discussion led by Cartwright
      - Proposal seeks to add HIST 4331 to the History degree plan to address common gaps in content knowledge and improve performance on teacher certification exams.
  - Motion: Unanimous consent
  - Undergraduate curriculum change approved as submitted
- Department of History
  - Updated Course Description for HIST 4325
    - Discussion led by Cartwright
      - Proposal seeks to update the course description for HIST 4325 to reflect its capstone designation requiring primary source research and the production of an extensive research paper.
  - Motion: Unanimous consent with friendly amendment to include “junior/senior seminar”
  - Undergraduate curriculum change approved with friendly amendment
- Department of History
  - Course name and description change
    - Discussion led by Cartwright
      - Proposal seeks to update the course title and description for HIST 3304 to reflect 21st century historical thought.
  - Motion: Unanimous consent

- Undergraduate curriculum change approved as submitted
- Department of History
  - Updated Course Titles - History
    - Discussion led by Cartwright
      - Proposal seeks to update the course titles for HIST 3312, HIST 3323, and HIST 3391 to modernize course titles by incorporating 21st century terminology.
  - Motion: Unanimous consent
  - Undergraduate curriculum change approved as submitted
- Department of History
  - Fast Track History MA
    - Discussion led by Waters
      - Proposal seeks to allow students to receive up to 9 hours of undergraduate and graduate credit in History, enabling them to begin work on their Master's while still completing their BA.
  - Motion: Unanimous consent
  - Graduate curriculum change approved as submitted
- Department of History
  - Restructuring of MA in History Degree
    - Discussion led by Waters
      - Proposal seeks to offer three possibilities for culminating projects, adding HIST 5303, and deactivation of four courses.
  - Motion: Unanimous consent
  - Graduate curriculum change approved as submitted
- Department of Chicano Studies, Languages, and Linguistics
  - Change to Chicano Studies Major Requirement
    - Discussion led by Montelongo
      - Proposal seeks to change CHIC 2311 as a foundation course and move CHIC 3311 to Section H of the Chicano Studies Major
  - Motion: Unanimous consent
  - Undergraduate curriculum change approved as submitted
- Department of Psychology
  - Adding Cognitive Development and Neurobio of Social Motivation
    - Discussion led by Schwartz
      - Proposal seeks to add PSYC 4314 and PSYC 3332 due to new faculty hires and to reflect in-demand subfields and disciplines in psychology: developmental psychology and neuroscience.
  - Motion: Unanimous consent
  - Undergraduate curriculum change approved as submitted
- Department of Psychology
  - Clinical Psychology Certificate Program
    - Discussion led by Field
      - Proposal seeks to provide a focused curriculum of advanced study in clinical psychology for graduate students.

- Motion: Unanimous consent
  - Graduate curriculum change approved as submitted
- Department of Psychology
  - Updates to Psychology Master's Degree
    - Discussion led by Serafine
      - Proposal seeks to rename the Experimental Psychology Master's program and include additional electives in the degree plan.
  - Motion: Unanimous consent
  - Graduate curriculum change approved as submitted
- Department of Psychology
  - Psychology course name change – PSYC 3346 and revision to the undergraduate neuroscience major degree plan
    - Discussion led by Serafine
      - Proposal seeks to merge two concentrations into a new major, include flexibility for students to take required pre-med coursework, eliminate courses from the revised degree plan, add a cross-listed course, change the title of some courses, and add courses to the major.
  - Motion: Unanimous consent
  - Undergraduate curriculum change approved as submitted
- Department of Creative Writing
  - SCH Change MFA CWR
    - Discussion led by Aguilar-Zeleny
      - Proposal seeks to convert the MFA program from a 48-unit, three-year program to a 36-unit, two-year program to remain competitive in the global academic landscape.
  - Motion: Unanimous consent
  - Graduate curriculum change approved as submitted
- Department of Sociology and Anthropology
  - Sociology MA Fast Track Updates
    - Discussion led by Leyser-Whalen
      - Proposal seeks to differentiate between the need for a BA in Sociology or a BA in Anthropology to enroll in the fast-track to the MA in Sociology.
  - Motion: Unanimous consent
  - Graduate curriculum change approved as submitted
- Department of Sociology and Anthropology
  - New Course Additions
    - Discussion led by Leyser-Whalen
      - Proposal seeks to add ANTH/SOCI 3313 and ANTH/SOCI 3314 as block electives instead of Special Topics courses.
  - Motion: Unanimous consent
  - Undergraduate curriculum change approved as submitted
- Department of English

- Updating Degree Plan (Elective Courses) for Graduate Certificate in Teaching English
  - Discussion led by Ortiz
    - Proposal seeks to align the dual credit certification requirements from EPCC to ensure certificate seekers can be certified through EPCC to teach dual credit.
- Motion: Unanimous consent
- Graduate curriculum change approved as submitted
- Department of Criminal Justice and Security Studies
  - Proposed Revision to Required Semester Credit Hours in Masters of Defense and Strategic Studies
    - Discussion led by Ashby
      - Proposal seeks to reduce the required semester credit hours (SCH) for the Master of Defense and Strategic Studies program from 36 to 33 SCH.
  - Motion: Unanimous consent
  - Graduate curriculum change approved as submitted

**VI. Other Business**

- No other business to discuss.

**VII. Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 12:11 PM

**Posted: 2:38 PM on November 5, 2024**