

College of Liberal Arts Curriculum Committee  
 Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the Fall 2024 Semester  
 10:30 AM on December 3, 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**

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| Meredith Abarca       | <i>English</i>                                       | Present |
| Arthur Aguirre        | <i>Leadership and Community Engagement</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 |
| 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 |

**Quorum:** 8  
**Members Present:** 12 of 15

**Guests:**

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|-----------------|--|---------|
| Carlos Chavez   | <i>Office of the Dean – College of Liberal Arts</i>  | Present |
| Lucía Durá      | <i>English</i>                                       | Present |
| Natalia Mazzaro | <i>Chicano Studies, Languages, &amp; Linguistics</i> | Present |
| Joseph Ortiz    | <i>English</i>                                       | Present |

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

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

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

- Revisions: None
- Motion: Unanimous consent
- December 2024 Agenda Approved

## V. New Business

- African American Studies Program
  - ADD AFST 3354: Black Women of the Americas to African American Studies Minor and add to list of Humanities Block Electives
    - Discussion led by Dr. Chew-Melendez
      - Proposal seeks to add HIST/AFST 3354 to the History degree plan within Field III, add the course to the African American Studies minor, and add the course to the Humanities block electives.
  - Motion: Unanimous consent
  - Undergraduate curriculum change approved as submitted
- Department of History
  - ADD HIST 3354: Black Women of the Americas, HIST 3355: Colonial Latin America, HIST 3356: Modern Latin America, HIST 3357: Latin America and Film
    - Discussion led by Dr. Cartwright
      - Proposal seeks to add four new courses (HIST 3354, HIST 3355, HIST 3356, and HIST 3357) to the History degree plan within Field III.
  - Motion: Unanimous consent
  - Undergraduate curriculum change approved as submitted
- Department of History
  - HIST 3317: Updated Course Title and Description
    - Discussion led by Dr. Cartwright
      - Proposal seeks to update the course title and course description for HIST 3317 to align with course content which provides a broad treatment to Texas's history.
  - Motion: Unanimous consent
  - Undergraduate curriculum change approved as submitted
- Department of Chicano Studies, Languages, and Linguistics
  - Creation of Graduate Course: Interlanguage Pragmatics
    - Discussion led by Dr. Mazzaro
      - Proposal seeks to add LING 53XX as a regular rotation of elective courses to the online MA in Bilingualism and Applied Linguistics during the summer term.
  - Motion: Unanimous consent
  - Graduate curriculum change approved as submitted
- Department of Chicano Studies, Languages, and Linguistics
  - Add Block Elective Attribute to TRAN 3359
    - Discussion led by Dr. Mazzaro
      - Proposal seeks to add the block elective attribute to TRAN 3359 to achieve higher enrollment and expose more students to translation and interpreting as a possible career path.
  - Motion: Unanimous consent
  - Undergraduate curriculum change approved as submitted

- Department of Chicano Studies, Languages, and Linguistics
  - Combining Spanish M.A. with Bilingualism and Applied Linguistics M.A.
    - Discussion led by Dr. Mazzaro
      - Proposal seeks to consolidate the two M.A. programs into a new M.A. in Applied Linguistics and Culture with two concentrations, make changes to the Spanish concentration, change flexibility for electives, and update the graduate certificate in Teaching ESOL, update the CIP code to make it encompassing of both concentrations, and update the admission requirements for consistency.
  - Motion: Unanimous consent
  - Graduate curriculum change approved as submitted
- Department of Chicano Studies, Languages, and Linguistics
  - Updating the List of Fast-Track Approved Courses
    - Discussion led by Dr. Mazzaro
      - Proposal seeks to update the list of fast-track approved courses for the new M.A. in Applied Linguistics and Culture with two concentrations to reflect the courses that are either required or electives for the new M.A.
  - Motion: Unanimous consent
  - Graduate curriculum change approved as submitted
- Department of Chicano Studies, Languages, and Linguistics
  - Creation of Graduate Version of Sociolinguistics and Bilingualism
    - Discussion led by Dr. Mazzaro
      - Proposal seeks to add LING 53XX as a dedicated graduate level version of the course to the curriculum for the online M.A. in Bilingualism and Applied Linguistics.
  - Motion: Unanimous consent
  - Graduate curriculum change approved as submitted
- Department of Chicano Studies, Languages, and Linguistics
  - Creation of Graduate Version of Spanish in the US
    - Discussion led by Dr. Mazzaro
      - Proposal seeks to add LING 53XX as a dedicated graduate level version of the course to the curriculum for the online M.A. in Bilingualism and Applied Linguistics.
  - Motion: Unanimous consent
  - Graduate curriculum change approved as submitted
- Department of English
  - Change Qualifying Exam to Portfolio Requirement in Rhetoric and Composition PhD
    - Discussion led by Dr. Durá
      - Proposal seeks to change the Qualifying Exam requirement to a Portfolio requirement in the Rhetoric and Composition PhD

program to allow for a more holistic and scaffolded professional development process for PhD students post-coursework.

- Motion: Unanimous consent
- Graduate curriculum change approved as submitted
- College of Liberal Arts
  - CEL Designations
    - Discussion led by Dr. Chew-Melendez
      - Proposal seeks to renew 15 courses as CEL designated for the Spring 2025 term.
  - Motion: Unanimous consent
  - Undergraduate curriculum change approved as submitted

**VI. Other Business**

- No other business to discuss.

**VII. Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 11:24 AM

**Posted: 8:41 AM on December 5, 2024**