

Minutes of Core Curriculum Committee
March 22, 2013
Bullock Hall 205

Members Present: Rafic Bachnak, Carmen Bruni, Pablo Camacho, Rohitha Goonatilake, Conchita Hickey, Michael Kidd, Kevin Lindberg, Juan Lira, Paul Madlock, William Manger, Veronica Martinez, Mark Menaldo, Paul Niemeyer, Bernice Sanchez, Deborah Scaggs, Mary Treviño, Richard Wright.

Members Absent: Frances Bernat, Manuel Broncano, Stephen Duffy, Bede Leyendecker, Tom Mitchell, Dan Mott, Philip Roberson, Carols Waters.

Guests: Brendan Townsend, Ray Garza

Proceedings

Juan Lira asked the committee to read and approve the minutes. The need to change Mr. Friedrich Gechter to Dr. Friedrich Gechter was noted. Mary Treviño moved and Michael Kidd seconded a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

Consideration of the following courses for inclusion in the 2014 Core Curriculum at TAMIU
Brendan Townsend indicated that ARTS 2333 Printmaking I should be tabled until next meeting since it was not ready. He then presented the following ensemble performance courses. All courses must address the same four Core Curriculum Objectives: Communication, Critical Thinking, Teamwork and Social Responsibility.

MUEN 1130 Chorale

MUEN 1120 Symphonic Wind Ensemble

MUEN 1133 Guitar Ensemble

MUEN 1137 Marching/Concert Band

MUEN 1140 Band

MUEN 1143 TAMIU Orchestra

MUEN 1146 Jazz

MUEN 1150 Chamber Music

MUEN 1160 Mariachi

The committee made a few recommendations and corrections. Subsequently, Carmen Bruni moved and Mary Treviño seconded a motion to accept the ensemble courses listed above. Motion passed.

Brendan Townsend presented the following courses:

MUSI 1301 Music Fundamentals. Paul Niemeyer moved and Carmen Bruni seconded to approve the assessment plan with the corrections. Motion passed.

MUSI 1306 Music Appreciation. Deborah Scaggs moved and Paul Niemeyer seconded a motion to approve the course with some editorial corrections. Motion passed.

MUSI 1301 American Popular Music. Bernice Sanchez moved and Deborah Scaggs seconded to approve the course after revisions to the CCLOs were made and other edits were incorporated. Motion passed.

Some discussion regarding MUAP 1113 and MUAP a213 followed. The Committee expressed concern that since the course descriptions indicate the students are taking private lessons, assessment of

teamwork might be problematic. Brendan clarified that the students have to work with either an ensemble or an accompanist for part of the performance evaluation. The Committee reached consensus that the course description and syllabi of all MUAP courses be amended to indicate that the student is required to perform with either an accompanist or an ensemble and that the courses be presented at the meeting on March 29, 2013 for consideration.

Dr. William Manger presented the following courses:

SOCI 1306 Contemporary Social Problems and Social Policy. Carmen Bruni moved and Paul Niemeyer seconded to approve the courses as submitted. Motion passed.

GEOG 1303 General World Geography. Rohitha Goonatilake moved and Deborah Scaggs seconded to approve the course with recommended revision. Motion passed.

Ray Garza presented the following courses:

PSYC 2301 Introduction to Psychology. Michael Kidd moved and Pablo Camacho seconded to approve the course after several revisions were made to the request form. Motion passed.

PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth and Development. Deborah Scaggs moved and Paul Niemeyer seconded to approve the course on the condition that PSCY 2314 be revised in a manner comparable to PSYC 2301. Motion passed.

Pablo Camacho presented ECO 2301 Principles of Macroeconomics. Rohitha Goonatilake moved and Richard Wright seconded a motion to approve the course as revised and edited. Some discussion followed. Motion passed.

The following courses were tabled and will be considered at the March 29, 2013 meeting:

- ECO 1301 Survey of Economics
- ECO 2302 Principles of Microeconomics
- LEDR 2301 Foundations of Leadership
- COMM 1315 Public Speaking
- ENGL 2315 Technical Communication
- MUAP 1113 Applied Music Instruction
- MUAP 1213 Applied Music Instruction

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned.