

University Core Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2013
PH 204

Members Present: Frances Bernat, Carmen Bruni, Stephen Duffy, Rohitha Goonatilake, Conchita Hickey, Michael Kidd, Bede Leyendecker, Kevin Lindberg, Juan Lira, Juan Carlos Lozano, Bill Manger, Paul Niemeyer, Phil Roberson, Bernice Sanchez, Deborah Scaggs, Mary Treviño,

Members Absent: Ray Bachnak, Manuel Broncano, Pablo Camacho, Chris Ferguson, Paul Madlock, Veronica Martinez, Mark Menaldo, Tom Mitchell, Dan Mott, Carol Waters, Richard Wright.

Guest: Lisa Flores

Proceedings

Approval of minutes

Juan Lira requested that the minutes for April 5, 2013 be read. Mary Treviño moved and Michael Kidd seconded a motion to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

Consideration of the following core curriculum courses for inclusion in the 2014 TAMIU Core Curriculum:

- FREN 1311 Elementary French I
- MAND 1311 Introductory Mandarin Chinese for Non-Native Speakers I
- PORT 1311 Beginning Portuguese I
- SPAN 1311 Introductory Spanish for Non-Native Speakers I
- SPAN 2313 Spanish for Heritage Language Spanish Speakers I

Lisa Flores presented the Request Form and Common Syllabus for all Introductory Language Classes noted above. She reviewed the commonalities between them and the two differences related to SPAN 2313, since it is an intermediate level course. She further explained that the faculty had agreed to use a group presentation for the Core Curriculum Objective (CCO) assessments.

Following some discussion, the University Core Curriculum Committee (UCCC) made some recommendations regarding the number and arrangement of the Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) listed in the syllabus. Other recommendations included reducing the communication skills to be assessed to oral communication only.

Frances Bernat moved and Carmen Bruni seconded a motion to accept the proposed courses for inclusion into the 2014 Core Curriculum. Motion passed.

Consideration of number changes for the following courses to align with the Texas Common Course Numbering System:

| TAMIU Course # | Course Title | Texas Common Course Number |
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| BIOL 1370 | Survey of Life Sciences | BIOL 1308 |
| BIOL 1170 | Survey of Life Sciences Lab | BIOL 1108 |
| EPSC 1370 | Survey of Earth Science | GEOL 1301 |
| EPSC 1170 | Survey of Earth Science Lab | GEOL 1101 |
| EPSC 2301 | Atmospheric Science | GEOL 1347 |
| EPSC 2101 | Atmospheric Science Lab | GEOL 1147 |

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| PHYS 1370 | Survey of Physical Science | PHYS 1315 |
| PHYS 1170 | Survey of Physical Science Lab | PHYS 1115 |
| COMM 2331 | Photography I: Introduction to Visual Communication Skills and Tools | COMM 1318 |
| THAR 1310 | Theatre Appreciation | DRAM 1310 |
| MUSI 1183 | Piano Class I | MUSI 1181 |
| MUSI 1184 | Piano Class II | MUSI 1182 |
| PSCI 2305 | American National Government | GOVT 2305 |
| PSCI 2306 | American State Government | GOVT 2306 |

Following extensive discussion, Mary Treviño moved and Bede Leyendecker seconded a motion to keep the present numbering system, with the exception of MUSI 1183 and MUSI 1184, which would be changed to MUSI 1181 and MUSI 1182 to align with comparable courses in the Texas Common Course Numbering System. Motion passed.

Consideration of Renumbering BIOL 1470 Human Biology:

For reporting purposes, the separation of BIOL 1470 Human Biology into BIOL 1370 (Lecture) and BIOL 1170 (Lab) reflects the same numbering system for BIOL 1370 Survey of Life Science and BIOL 1170 Survey of Life Science Lab. This duplication needed to get resolved.

After a brief discussion, Michael Kidd moved and Phil Roberson seconded a motion to renumber BIOL 1370 Survey of Life Sciences and BIOL 1170 Survey of Life Sciences Lab to BIOL 1308 and BIOL 1108, respectively, in order to align with the Texas Common Course Numbering System. Motion passed.

Update on ASTR 1310 Principles of Astronomy, ASTR 1110 Principles of Astronomy Lab

Juan Lira summarized some of the deliberations with the COE related to recent developments in the revised degree programs which had included ASTR 1310 Principles of Astronomy and ASTR 1110 Principles of Astronomy Lab as a science option in the core.

Carmen Bruni moved and Paul Niemeyer seconded a motion to remove ASTR 1310 and ASTR 1110 from the 2014 core curriculum, since the required content will be incorporated into EPSC 1370 Survey of Earth Science and EPSC 1170 Survey of Earth Science Lab. Motion passed with one abstention.

Mary Treviño moved and Conchita Hickey seconded a motion that the Department of Engineering, Mathematics, and Physics consider proposing ASTR 1311 Planetary Astronomy, ASTR 1111 Planetary Astronomy Lab, ASTR 1312 Stellar Astronomy, and ASTR 1112 Stellar Astronomy Lab as courses for inclusion in the 2014 core curriculum for TAMU. Motion passed.

Consideration of 2014 Core Curriculum Committee Report to TAMUS

Juan Lira explained that Dr. James Hallmark, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs of the Texas A&M University System, identified the guidelines/requirements for the Core Curriculum Report to the System. Consequently the report reviewed and approved on April 5th by the UCCC has been modified and shortened. Some discussion followed. Carmen Bruni moved and Bede Leyendecker seconded a motion that the report as presented/corrected by the committee be accepted for submission to the System. Motion passed.

Consideration of the following recommendation for the Component Area Option:

After extensive discussion, Phil Roberson moved and Carmen Bruni seconded a motion that students who have earned more than 30 SCH and transfer to TAMIU not be required to enroll in UNIV 1101 Learning in Global Context I and UNIV 1102 Learning in a Global Context II, but instead, be allowed to enroll in other Component Area Option courses to satisfy the requirements for the Component Area Option of the 2014 Core Curriculum. Motion passed.

Juan Lira mentioned that the UCCC will be meeting on April 19, 2013 to consider any recommendation(s) that may be put forth by the Department of Engineering, Mathematics, and Physics regarding ASTR 1311 Planetary Astronomy, ASTR 1111 Planetary Astronomy Lab, ASTR 1312 Stellar Astronomy, and ASTR 1112 Stellar Astronomy Lab.

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