**UTEP Undergraduate Curriculum Committee**

**Meeting Agenda**

**October 5, 2020**

**I. Call to order**

**Meeting was called to order by A. Duval at 3:04 p.m.**

**II. Members present:**

X\_ Tracey Merworth, School of Nursing

X\_ Andrew Fleck, College of Lib Arts

X\_ Vinod Kumar, College of Engineering

X\_ Hettie Houghton, College of Business

X\_ Emre Umucu, College of Health Sciences

X\_ Rey Reyes, College of Education

X\_ Art Duval, College of Science

X\_ Jose Herrera, College of Education, At-Large

X\_ James Salvador, College of Science, At-Large

X\_ Lori Acosta, School of Nursing, At-Large

\_\_ Juan Jose Martinez, Student Member

\_\_ Matthew Garcia, Student Member

**III. Visitors present:**

Toni Blum, Office of the Provost

Dennis Bixler-Marquez, Department of Chicano Studies

Anthony Blum, Department of Psychology

Jay Stratton, Department of Theatre & Dance

Virgilio Gonzalez, Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering

Julie Rivera, Office of the Provost

Yvette Huerta, El Paso Community College

Nancy Marcus, College of Science

**IV. Old Business:**

**A. Minutes from August 31, 2020 meeting, approved by online vote on September 4, 2020**

**Motion passes (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)**

**B. Policy Changes:**

**C. Tabled Items:**

1. **Election of Vice Chair (Lori Acosta has self-nominated)**
   1. **Motion to Approve made by James Salvador, seconded by Rey Reyes. Motion passes (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)**

**V. New Business:**

1. **College of Liberal Arts**
2. **Department of Chicano Studies**
3. **Proposal: Approval of CHIC upper-division courses as eligible for the BA Degree Block Electives menu**
4. **Action Item: Incorporate CHIC 4308 and 4309 into the BA Degree Block Electives**
5. **Rationale: Courses support a Liberal Arts education by examining various facets of the Hispanic experience in the U.S.**
6. **Motion to Approve made by James Salvador seconded by Hettie Houghton. Motion passes (9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)**
7. **Department of Psychology**
8. **Proposal: Changes to PSYC BA Designated Core**
9. **Action Item: Include MATH 1309 to Psychology Department Math Requirement for BA**
10. **Rationale: MATH 1309 (College Algebra) and MATH 1310 (Trigonometry and Conics) are new courses covering material from MATH 1508 (Pre-Calculus) in two separate courses. MATH 1309 covers the material that is more relevant to Psychology, while MATH 1310 covers the material that doesn’t show up often in Psychology.**
11. **Motion to Approve made by James Salvador, seconded by Emre Umucu. Motion passes (9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)**
12. **Department of Theatre & Dance**
13. **Proposal: 2020 Catalog Cleanup**
14. **Action Item: Correcting numerous catalog errata including defunct course prerequisites; typographical errors; and two deletions of course redundancies (THEA 3311, THEA 4119)**
15. **Rationale: Cleaning these errors will result in fewer exceptions and waivers, and improve the professional appearance of this part of the catalog.**
16. **Motion to Approve made by James Salvador, seconded by Hettie Houghton. Motion passes (9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)**
17. **College of Engineering**
18. **Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering**
19. **Proposal: Addition of EE 5391 to the Fast-Track Programs in ECE**
20. **Action Item: Add EE 5391 (Independent Studies) to the list of course available to the Fast-Track Programs in Electrical and Computer Engineering Department**
21. **Rationale:**
22. **Motion to Approve made by Vinod Kumar, seconded by James Salvador. Motion passes (9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)**

**VI. Motion to adjourn at 3:25 pm. Made by Jose Herrera, seconded by Lori Acosta. Motion passes (10 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions).**