



**UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 25, 2026, 11:00 -12:00 P.M.**  
**Zoom Meeting**

**Attendees:**

Lori Podolsky, Denise Lara, Susan La Torre, Bozhen Liu, Judy Metcalf, Jenny Vela, Susan Murphy, Feri Billiot, Miguel Moreno, Michael Sollitto, Lei Vincent, Kasey Arrendondo, Cassandra Sanchez, Tina Ybarra, Felix Omoruyi

**Guests:**

David Gurney, Wendi Pollock, Sam Robinson, Diana Sipes, Katherine Roberto

**Voting Members:**

Lori Podolsky, Co-chair, Faculty Advisory Council's Academic Affairs Committee  
Judy Metcalf, Co-chair, Undergraduate Council  
Felix Omoruyi, Faculty Advisory Council's Academic Affairs Committee  
Denise Lara, Faculty Advisory Council's Academic Affairs Committee  
Dimitrios Koutmos, Faculty Advisory Council's Academic Affairs Committee  
Bozhen Liu, Faculty Advisory Council's Academic Affairs Committee  
Kevin Loeffler, Faculty Advisory Council's Academic Affairs Committee  
Miguel Moreno, Faculty Advisory Council's Academic Affairs Committee  
Fereshteh Billiot, Graduate Council  
Michael Sollitto, Graduate Council  
Tina Ybarra, Undergraduate Council

**1. Call to Order – Lori Podolsky**

- The meeting was called to order by Dr. Lori Podolsky at approximately 11:04 AM.
- Quorum was established

**2. Approval of Minutes**

**a. January 28, 2025**

- Motion to Approve: Dr. Michael Sollitto
- Second: Dr. Denise Lara
- Discussion: None
- Vote: Approved unanimously (no opposition, no abstentions)

**3. Catalog Changes\***

**a. Tabled Items**

**GULF 4496 – Directed Independent Study**

- Motion: Dr. Judy Metcalf
- Second: Dr. Denise Lara
- Vote: Approved unanimously

**BUSI 1301 – Core Curriculum (Language, Philosophy, and Culture Component)**

- Motion: Dr. Felix Omoruyi
- Second: Dr. Tina Ybarra
- Vote: Approved unanimously

**Additional Note:**

- Reminder provided regarding CPT approval requirements for courses with field experience prior to student participation.

b. College of Engineering and Computer Science

c. College of Liberal Arts

d. School of Arts, Media & Communication

The committee reviewed catalog changes across the above colleges/school collectively.

- Motion to Approve All Items: Dr. Judy Metcalf
- Second: Dr. Felix Omoruyi
- Discussion: None
- Vote: Approved unanimously

e. Expedited Review (Information Only)

- HCAD 4580 (Practicum) – Minor course change presented for information only; no vote required.

4. Upcoming Meetings

a. Spring Dates; 3/25, 4/22, 5/27

5. Adjourn

- Motion to Adjourn: Dr. Judy Metcalf
- Second: Dr. Fereshteh Billiot
- Vote: Approved unanimously

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:15 AM

\* Indicates an attachment

## **Tabled items**

### **Science**

#### **Course Additions**

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| GULF 4496 | Directed Independent Study |
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### **Other**

#### **Program Changes**

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| Core Curriculum Program | Adding HIST 2327 & HIST 2328 to the American History component and adding BUSI 1301 to the Language, Philosophy, and Culture component |
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## **Engineering and Computer Science**

#### **Program Changes**

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| Geography, Minor | Minor being deleted, no enrollment |
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## **Liberal Arts**

#### **Program Changes**

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| University Studies, BS | Program description changes regarding the concentration areas |
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## **School of Arts, Media & Communication**

#### **Program Changes**

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| Theatre Arts, Teacher Certification | Program requirements, adding/removing courses, and course sequencing updates |
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| Theatre, BA | Program description, requirements changes, adding a new concentration, adding/removing courses, and course sequencing updates |
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