

University Curriculum Committee Agenda October 30, 2025, 1:00 -2:00 P.M. Zoom Meeting

Attendees:

Lori Podolsky, Judy Metcalf, Kevin Loeffler, Susan Murphy, Jenny Vela, Tiny Ybarra, Crysyal Trevino, Kasey Arredondo, Tristan Guajardo, Sandra Kurseka, Feri Billiot, Miguel Moreno, Casandra Sanchez, Bozhen Liu

Guests:

Susan La Torre, Crystal Trevino, Wendi Pollock, Sam Robinson, Lei Vincent

Voting Members:

Lori Podolsky, Chair, Faculty Advisory Council's Academic Affairs Committee Judy Metcalf, Faculty Advisory Council's Academic Affairs Committee 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

- The meeting was called to order by Lori Podolsky at approximately 1:05 p.m.
- Judy opened with administrative updates regarding freshman registration challenges and meeting access issues.
- Attendance confirmed that the required number of voting members was present.

2. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from April 28, 2025, and September 18, 2025, were reviewed.
- Motion: Judy Metcalf moved to approve the minutes.
- Second: Motion was seconded by Lori Podolsky.
- Discussion: Judith clarified that members who were not present for prior meetings could abstain from the vote.
- Vote: Minutes approved as presented.

3. Course Additions *

A. Engineering and Computer Science

- The committee reviewed and approved new course additions including: COSC 4335, 4346, 4375, 4390, 6302, 6341, 6342, 6358, 6359, 6363, 6364, 6378, 6996, 6998, and 6999.
- Discussion Summary: Judith led discussion on grouping all engineering-related items for approval collectively rather than individually. Susan suggested contacting the college as a whole for any additional feedback.
- Outcome: All engineering and computer science course additions approved unanimously.

B. Liberal Arts

- The committee reviewed proposed additions: HIST 2327, HIST 2328, HIST 4376, PHIL 2353, PSYC 2323, and WGST 4399.
- Discussion Summary: Concerns were raised about overlapping content between HIST 2327/2328 and HIST 4376, particularly regarding shared readings and scope overlap.
- Action: Jenny will communicate with the History Department to review content duplication concerns. Courses HIST 2328 and HIST 4376 will be returned for departmental revision.
- Outcome: All other Liberal Arts additions approved pending revisions to the identified courses.

4. Course Changes *

A. Engineering and Computer Science

- The committee approved course changes to COSC 3326 (4324), 3330 (4330), and 3345 (4345).
- Outcome: Approved unanimously.

B. Liberal Arts

- Changes to PSYC 4399, SOCI 4399, and SOCW 4399 were reviewed.
- Outcome: Approved as presented.

5. Program Changes *

A. Engineering and Computer Science

- The committee reviewed proposed deletions of low-enrollment certificates: Autonomous Mobility, Coastal Resilience, and Unmanned Aircraft Systems Applications Certificates. Program revisions for the BS, MS, and PhD in Computer Science were also approved to include minor course and admissions updates.
- Outcome: Approved unanimously.

B. Liberal Arts

- The following were discussed: Latin American Studies Minor (recommended for deletion due to low enrollment); Social Work, Sociology (BA and Minor), and Spanish EC-12 Teaching Certification updates to course sequences and GPA requirements.
- Outcome: Approved as presented.

6. Next Meeting

Date: November 19, 2025 Time: 1:00-2:00p.m. Location: Zoom

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Engineering and Computer Science

Course Additions

COSC 4335 Foundation of Language Models and Processing

COSC 4346 Introduction to Deep Learning

COSC 4375 Knowledge Representation and Retrieval COSC 4390 Algorithms and Applications of Robotics

COSC 6302 Graduate Seminar

COSC 6341 Natural Language Processing
COSC 6342 Deep Reinforcement Learning
COSC 6358 Wireless and Mobile Networks
COSC 6359 Secure Computer Systems

COSC 6363 Software Development with Generative AI

COSC 6364 Cloud Computing

COSC 6378 Blockchain and Cryptographic Systems

COSC 6996 Research

COSC 6998 Dissertation Research
COSC 6999 Dissertation Defense

Course Changes

COSC 3326 (4324) Introduction to Image Processing and Computer Vision

COSC 3330 (4330) Introduction to Artificial Intelligence
COSC 3345 (4345) Introduction to Machine Learning

Program Changes

Autonomous Mobility Certificate Certificate being deleted, zero enrollment
Coastal Resilience Certificate Certificate being deleted, zero enrollment
Unmanned Aircraft Systems Certificate being deleted, zero enrollment

Applications, Certificate

Computer Science, BS Program educational objectives changes and adding/removing courses

Computer Science, MS Adding/removing courses

Computer Science, PhD Add/remove courses and minor admissions changes

Liberal Arts

Course Additions

HIST 2327 Mexican American History to World War I

HIST 2328 Mexican American History since World War I

HIST 4376 Latinx History
PHIL 2353 Ethics of AI

PSYC 2323 Career & Professional Planning in Psychology

WGST 4399 Internship

Course Changes

PSYC 4399 (4398) Internship SOCI 4399 (4398) Internship SOCW 4399 (4398) Internship

Program Changes

Latin American Studies, Minor Minor being deleted, low enrollment

Social Work, Minor Update course changes

Sociology, BA Update course changes and course sequencing

Sociology, Minor Update course changes
Spanish, Teaching Certification EC-12 Update GPA requirement