



UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
AGENDA
January 28, 2026, AT 11:00 -12:00 P.M.
Zoom Meeting

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/Judy Metcalf
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. December 11, 2025
3. Catalog Changes*
 - a. College of Business
 - b. College of Engineering and Computer Science
 - c. School of Arts, Media & Communication
 - d. Other
 - e. Expedited Review (information only, no voting required)
4. Upcoming Meetings
 - a. Spring Dates; 2/25, 3/25, 4/22, 5/27
5. Adjourn

Business

Program Changes

Business Analytics and Information Systems, BBA	Adding an online modality
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Engineering and Computer Science

Course Additions

IEEN 4351	Operational Excellence Level I
IEEN 5351	Operational Excellence Level I

Liberal Arts

Program Changes

Social Work, Minor	Minor being deleted, low enrollment
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Science

Course Additions

BIMS 4086	University Biomedical Exit Test (UBET)
BIOL 4320	Diseases of Aquatic Organisms
BIOL 4421	Wetland Ecology & Management
GULF 3301	Introduction to Gulf Studies
GULF 4496	Directed Independent Study
BIOL 5421	Wetland Ecology & Management
DASC 5396	Directed Independent Study
DASC 6302	Data Science and Predictive Analytics
DASC 6304	Bayesian Interference in Data Science
DASC 6307	Machine Learning in Data Science
DASC 6308	Numerical Methods for Data Science
DASC 6323	System Analysis and Multivariate Statistics

Course Changes

BIOL 4346 (4446)	Ecology of the Tropics	Course number, title, description, pre-req changes and removing lab component
BIOL 5346 (5446)	Ecology of the Tropics	Course number, title, description changes and removing lab component
BIOL 5405 (5412)	Ecology of Lakes & Rivers	Course number, title, description and workload changes
FAMA 5320 (5315)	Diseases of Aquatic Organisms	Course number, title, description, co-req changes and removing lab component

Program Changes

Atmospheric Sciences, BS	Program description changes, updating footnotes and grammatical errors, and adding a sentence about electives
Biology, BS	Updating track information and adding/removing courses
Biology, Minor	Adding a course to a list of courses that cannot be taken for the minor
Biomedical Sciences, BS	Adding/removing courses, course sequencing changes, and putting the forensic science option on hold
Fast Track Biology, BS to Biology, MS	Adding/removing courses

School of Arts, Media & Communication**Course Addition**

THEA 4377	Sound Design for the Theatre
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Program Changes

Music, BA	Program requirements, adding/removing courses, and course sequencing updates
Music, BM with EC-12 Teacher Certification	Adding/removing courses and course sequencing updates
Performance (Instrumental), BM	Adding/removing courses and course sequencing updates
Performance (Voice), BM	Program requirements, adding/removing courses, and course sequencing updates

Other**Program Changes**

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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Expedited Review

EC

CEEN 4310	Water Resources Engineering	Pre-req changes
IEEN 3324	Human Systems Interface	Course description and pre-req/co-req changes
GSEN 6367	Geospatial Artificial Intelligence	Course title and description changes
GSEN 6395	Geospatial Engineering Seminar	Course title change

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BIOL 3403	Molecular Biology	Course delete
BIOL 3410	Cell Biology	Course delete
BIOL 4439	Case Work Methods in Forensic Anthropology	Course delete
BIOL 5439	Case Work Methods in Forensic Anthropology	Course delete
ATSC 4318	Broadcast Meteorology Practicum	Pre-req changes
ATSC 4335	Climate and Climate Variability	Course description and pre-req changes
ATSC 4496	Directed Independent Study	Add Independent Study schedule type
BIOL 3304	Ancestry, Race, Sex & Gender in Forensic Anthropology	Temporarily inactive
BIOL 4302	Coral Reef Conservation	Temporarily inactive
BIOL 4329	Fisheries Techniques	Workload and contact hours changes
BIOL 4334	Biology and Ecology of Coral Reefs	Temporarily inactive
BIOL 4405	Ecology of Lakes & Rivers	Course title, description, and pre-req changes
BIOL 4408	Diversity & Ecology of the Microscopic World	Course title and pre-req changes
BIOL 4609	Field and Sampling Techniques	Temporarily inactive
ESCI 4335	Climate and Climate Variability	Course description and pre-req changes
BIOL 5308	Biogeography	Course description change
BIOL 5334	Biology and Ecology of Coral Reefs	Temporarily inactive
BIOL 5427	Coastal Ecology of Texas	Temporarily inactive
BIOL 5609	Field and Sampling Techniques	Temporarily inactive
FAMA 5329	Fisheries Techniques	Workload and contact hours changes