

Joint Curriculum Council Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2021

Attendees: Jennifer Miller, Pam Pipes, Oguzhan Basibuyuk, Justin Coleman, Gina Stocks, Jeffrey Meyer.

Jennifer Miller called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Jeffrey asked a question to clarify the prefix question for overall auditing. Jennifer shared that we still have 2 prefixes for the next academic year. Pam shared that prefixes would be changed automatically for the same number and title. Jennifer reminded the group that we are checking to ensure numbers, titles, and descriptions match for shared programs.

The council reviewed curriculum requests to review the following curriculum change requests.

- Business BBA degree change was reviewed and approved. Course changes were approved in March.
- Business MBA degree change was reviewed and approved on the condition that we could ensure that the MBA program degree was updated in the RGC inventory. Pam asked about justification for the MBA degree plan. The updated plan should only be 30 hours. Pam shared that the reduction of hours have been approved by the Board of Regents. Approved pending revision. Has the reduction of hours approved for RGC or not? This would not prevent this from being approved but we need to ensure that the inventory is updated.
- Oguzhan asked the registrar about the statement of time limitations. Pam shared that this policy has changed, the policy now is beyond 6 years the course has expired. Jennifer shared that she would reach out to the IR office to remove this statement on the current form.
- Criminal Justice Graduate Degree change form was reviewed and fully approved.
- Homeland Security Undergraduate Degree change form was reviewed and fully approved.
- Homeland Security Graduate Degree change form was reviewed and fully approved.
- M.Ed. Leadership degree form was reviewed and concerns were raised regarding the alignment of the M.Ed. Leadership program for RGC. Gina asked if Pam was present at the M.Ed. Leadership meetings. Submitted forms removed all RGC courses and only include Alpine courses. Pam shared that she had voiced concerns about this program, as we still have 2 course inventories. If the program at RGC are not going to use any of their own courses to award a degree, this causes a concern. Gina asked if they are dissolving the M.Ed. Leadership program. Pam shared that her recommendation was to not admit Ed Leadership at RGC. Gina shared that they would have to be admitted into the Alpine Leadership program if all RGC courses are dissolved. Pam also shared that there would be funding issues due to inventory only listed in Alpine but paying a RGC salary from another area causes issues. Pam shared that she was told that they are not intending to dissolve RGC Leadership program. It was shared by members that it appears that maybe they were trying to avoid the work of creating inventory courses at RGC. Jennifer suggested that we need to explain that we will need a shared program to include EDUC prefixes. Oguzhan shared that we are basically dissolving the RGC program. Pam shared that a straight answer regarding applications to Apply Texas for the M.Ed. RGC Leadership was never provided. The council shared that more work is needed to ensure that we are compliant and to ensure that M.Ed. Leadership at RGC is aligned or dissolved. The RGC inventory courses are still present and there has been no move to change or remove these. Jennifer requested for assistance with wording. Pam shared that she would share previous concerns communicated that we can include in communication for revisions. They will need to include curriculum change

forms for all shared courses to match EDUC to ED courses for M.Ed. Leadership if they are aligning the program.

- Oguzhan asked about the importance of notifying students for spring registration of changes to degrees. Pam shared that this is why we are to follow a timeline to ensure that information is communicated to the public in a timely manner.
- ELAR RGC Undergraduate 4-8 Undergraduate Degree Change: Gina explained the purpose of this plan. This degree plan did not include EDUC 3308, which is now a new STR test for teaching certification. The change adds this course and attempted to remove credits. As we checked the credit hours, it was noticed that they added to 126 hours. They struck 6 electives. This would need to change as it would just be 3. On the 2020-21 plan, there is a section for general electives. They just struck general elections to reach 120. No education electives were deleted. Clarification is needed for hours and electives that were deleted. Jennifer noted that we would request clarification and revisit in July. They should reduce education electives by 3.
- RGC General Undergraduate 4-8: The form appeared to have the same issues as the ELAR RGC Undergraduate 4-8 Degree Change. Jennifer noted that we would request clarification and revisit in July. They should reduce education electives by 3.
- Undergraduate English Degree: It was shared that the degree change was needed to reduce the number of hours to fit the 120 hours requirement and is a common degree plan. Jeffrey shared that he had trouble understanding the degree change request. Jennifer noted that the 1st one is deleting courses. Jennifer shared that they deleted 3 courses off the degree plan. Gina asked about the 2nd disclaimer on the justification to change an Education requirement. The degree plan was modified to fit 120 hour requirement is one thing and should be approved but we don't know what the education course requirements are. Gina shared that RGC education students do not have to take these courses. Gina shared that the teacher education courses is very different from what the RGC students have had to take in the past. Gina asked about the course numbers under Teacher education on this degree plan. Gina asked if all students on the English plan would look like this as there are no equivalents at RGC? Have we approved this aspect of the alignment? Pam shared no this has not been approved for the undergraduate education courses so a lot of the block courses do not have the same number and titles. Gina shared that we would need major changes to this section to make this work. Gina suggested that these would need to be submitted separately. Gina shared they don't have alignment for the Teacher education courses listed on this degree. Pam shared that this doesn't just impact this degree change but all content degree plans with Teacher certification. Right now they are all different. They are not aligned. Jennifer shared that this is a concern for certification blocks aligned. Pam and Gina agreed that this is a need. Pam shared that they need to list both the Alpine and RGC block courses on the Teacher Education section of the degree plan. Pam shared that no one looked at certification courses when we were aligned earlier.
- Superintendent ED 7308 was reviewed and approved on the condition that we add a check course number and course description in a revised form.
- Superintendent ED 7322 was reviewed. A question was made regarding the new course prefix, EDUC.
- CRIM 3313 was reviewed and fully approved.
- CRIM 4306 was reviewed and fully approved.
- CRIM 4350 was reviewed and fully approved.

Jennifer requested that someone else from the council reach out to program coordinators/chairs/deans requesting revisions for a few of the programs impacting the education department. Oguzhan

volunteered to assist Jennifer with communicating revisions to deans and department chairs with revisions completed by July 2. All agreed to a follow up meeting on July 8.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 am.