



Graduate Curriculum Committee

Minutes

Monday, April 6, 2026, 12:00 pm – 12:50 pm

Zoom

Members in Attendance: Jim Dugan, Richard Swearingen, Jessica Vega, Ivan Banks, Amy Nusbaum, Fang Xu, J.T. Menard, Daniel Liestman. **Guest:** Miguel Juarez, Ruby Aguilar. **Recorder:** Cassie Walker.

Call to Order: Jim Dugan called meeting to order at 12:01 pm.

Jim Dugan read the land acknowledgment.

Minutes. Minutes from the January 12, 2026 meeting were reviewed.

MOTION: David Laman moved to approve the minutes as written. Jessica Vega seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Psychology Course Proposals.

- PSY 512: Psychology of Gender and Sexuality Course Modification
- PSY 529: Spanish for Social Services Course Modification
- PSY 543: Latinx Psychology Course Modification

Amy Nusbaum presented the psychology proposals. When initially designing the classes, the department had a graduate program director who had ideas about variable credits; however, the courses are taught as standard 3 credit courses. The proposal is to change the courses from variable credit to 3 credit courses. There are no curricular ramifications.

Amy Nusbaum left the meeting.

MOTION: Richard Swearingen move to approve the proposal. David Laman seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Social Work Course Proposal.

- SOWK 583 : Evidence Based Therapeutic Skills New Course Proposal

Miguel Juarez presented the proposal. The MSW program would like to add this as a new elective. When the program started there was only one elective option. This will add a second elective option. Student program learning outcomes are set by the accreditor. The program will follow up with the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, SaraBecca Martin, to determine if this needs to be added as an addenda or for next catalog year.

Ruby Aguilar, Miguel Juarez, and Jessica Vega were moved to waiting room.

MOTION: J.T. Menard move to approve the proposal. Richard Swearingen seconded them motion. The motion was approved unanimously.



Ruby Aguilar, Miguel Juarez, and Jessica Vega were brought back from waiting room.

All proposals are informational for Academic Affairs Assembly.

Meeting adjourned at 12:14 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 9, 2026, 12:00 – 12:50 pm.