

**Mexican American Studies  
Field of Study Advisory Committee**

February 12, 2016  
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Minutes

Members present:

Mr. Juan Tejeda, Alamo Colleges Palo Alto College—Co-Chair  
Dr. Eduardo Morales, Dallas Community College District, El Centro College  
Ms. Elizabeth Flores, Del Mar College  
Ms. Maria Donaire-Cirsovius, San Jacinto College North  
Dr. Monica Alaniz-McGinnis, South Texas College  
Dr. Carlos Kevin Blanton, Texas A&M University  
Dr. Christian Zolniski, The University of Texas at Arlington  
Dr. Nicole M. Guidotti-Hernandez, The University of Texas at Austin  
Dr. Yolanda Chávez Leyva, The University of Texas at El Paso—Co-Chair  
Dr. Josie Méndez-Negrete, The University of Texas at San Antonio

Coordinating Board staff present:

Garry Tomerlin  
Mindy Nobles

Summary

The meeting was called to order at 10:00. Introductions were made. The committee elected Mr. Juan Tejeda and Dr. Yolanda Chávez Leyva as co-chairs. Dr. Josie Méndez-Negrete volunteered to serve as recording secretary and was elected by acclamation.

Coordinating Board staff gave an orientation to the committee's charge, field-of-study legislation and rules, and the meeting's handouts and resource materials.

The committee's charge was to identify the block of courses which may be transferred to a general academic teaching institution and which must be substituted for that institution's lower-division requirements for the Mexican American Studies degree program into which the student transfers.

The committee discussed the existing Mexican American Field of Study (FOS) curriculum established in 2005 and considered revisions and additions to update the curriculum. The committee modified the 2005 curriculum's Spanish requirement as follows:

2005 requirement:

Spanish	3 SCH	SPAN 2312	Intermediate Spanish II
		SPAN 2315	Spanish for Native Speakers II

New recommended requirement: 3 Semester Credit Hours of Spanish (any)

This action was taken because SPAN 2312 and 2315 have prerequisites that implicitly add to the FOS requirements.

The committee adopted the remainder of the 2005 FOS curriculum unchanged and recommended the following updated FOS curriculum to the Coordinating Board:

<b>Category</b>	<b>SCH</b>	<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Course Title</b>
Introduction	3	HUMA 1305	Introduction to Mexican American Studies
History	3	HIST 2327	Mexican American History I
		HIST 2328	Mexican American History II
Government	3	GOVT 2311	Mexican American Politics
English/Literature	3	ENGL 2351	Mexican American Literature
Spanish	3		Any Spanish course
Fine Arts	3	HUMA 1311	Mexican American Fine Arts Appreciation

Total SCH: 18

The committee made two additional recommendations related to the curriculum:

1. Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) should be developed through the ACGM process for all courses in the FOS currently lacking them.
2. The course descriptions for HIST 2327 and 2328, which are currently identical, should be rewritten through the ACGM process to differentiate them.

The committee adopted an advisory statement supporting development of a course rubric for Mexican American Studies in the Texas Common Course Numbering System (TCCNS), with the understanding that the Coordinating Board does not develop rubrics but adopts the statewide database maintained and updated by TCCNS. The committee agreed that development of a rubric would acknowledge the existence of Mexican American Studies as a distinct and growing academic discipline.

As part of making the additional recommendations and advisory statement, the committee heard from Rebecca Leslie, Program Director, who maintains the ACGM and serves as key staff to its advisory committee.

The committee adjourned at 2:30.

#### Motions and Votes

Elect Mr. Juan Tejada and Dr. Yolanda Chávez Leyva as co-chairs.

Motion: Josie Méndez-Negrete  
 Second: Carlos Kevin Blanton  
 Vote: for, unanimous

Replace SPAN 2312 and 2315 with a requirement that students take any 3 SCH Spanish course.

Motion: Josie Méndez-Negrete  
 Second: Maria Donaire-Cirsovius  
 Vote: for, unanimous

Recommend that Student Learning Outcomes should be developed through the ACGM process for all courses in the Mexican American Studies FOS that do not have them.

Motion: Carlos Kevin Blanton  
Second: Maria Donaire-Cirsovius  
Vote: for, unanimous

Recommend that the identical course descriptions HIST 2327 and 2328 be differentiated.

Motion: Maria Donaire-Cirsovius  
Second: Carlos Kevin Blanton  
Vote: for, unanimous

Advise the Coordinating Board that the committee supports the adoption by TCCNS of a course rubric for Mexican American Studies.

Motion: Monica Alaniz-McGinnis  
Second: Maria Donaire-Cirsovius  
Vote: for, unanimous

Recommend the updated Mexican American Studies FOS to the Coordinating Board with the substitution of 3 SCH Spanish (any) for the 2005 curriculum's options of SPAN 2312 or 2315.

Motion: Monica Alaniz-McGinnis  
Second: Josie Méndez-Negrete  
Vote: for, unanimous