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CLABS Partnerships Meeting

Monday, March 8, 2021

11:00 pm to 12:00 pm

In Attendance: David Ortiz, Hector Diaz, Yvette Navarro

- **Draft Discussion and Corrections**

The committee discussed the draft that Hector provided that went over an overall plan for the potential Binational Dual Degree Ph.D. Program with Autonomous University of Nuevo Leon, which included the degree plan for UANL's previous partnership with the University of Texas at Arlington. The agreement consists of courses from Government, Sociology, and Social Work at NMSU. The committee discussed the relevance of multiple statistic courses and changed the main statistic course at NMSU to offered by the Sociology department. High-level statistic classes were moved to the "Electives" portion of the document. David suggested that all semesters have 12 credits instead of 15 since the course load might be overwhelming for most students. Committee decided that the 3rd and 4th semester's thesis hours will be with the student's respective thesis chair. The 5th and subsequent semesters will focus on the student's doctoral dissertation. This reduced the total credit hours to 54 totals, which may change depending on what the Provost may request.

- **Questions on Drafts**

Hector suggested that we may need to merge MSW 500 and 503 to create a comprehensive course to allow room for more electives for students in this program. Hector also brought up the issue of students with families since UANL does not offer housing and traveling might introduce

multiple problems for some students. The commit discussed perhaps making this program strictly online, but this may not work since cultural immersion will be lost.

- **To Do**

At the end of the meeting, Hector sent out the revised document to the committee for David to look over and make further corrections before meeting with Provost.