



**Western Connecticut State University  
Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum and Standards  
CUCAS Minutes for October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
CC 212-214 (WS)**

**2015-2016 Members Present:** Nicholas Greco (chair), Keith Gauvin, Barbara Piscopo, Linda Dalessio, Katie Leever-Mazzuto, JC Barone, Divya Sharma, David Martin, Missy Alexander, Jamie Begian, Timothy Wiggins, Dave Smith, Jerry Wilcox, Mary Ann Rossi (for Jess House), Ming Ling (Cindy) Chuang, Jessica Eckstein, Alina Sherwani, Kiely, Hultgren, Douglas Brede, Brendan Mitchell,

**Guests:** Jennifer Zdziarski, Jolee Dinho-Guerreiro, Alyssa Meyers, Kate Alloco, Linda Kelly, Oluwole Owoye, Patrick Ryan, Cathy Vanaria, Tom Yoon

*Called to order at 9:30 a.m.*

**Announcements:**

1. Introduction of new Members: the student members from the SGA & Cindy from management dept. were introduced.

**Minutes:**

2. Minutes of CUCAS meeting from September 17<sup>th</sup> 2015.
  - Motion to approve: Missy Alexander, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Timothy Wiggins
  - Discussions/ Corrections: None
  - # approved: 11 / # opposed: 0

**Old Business:**

Nick explained the background on the old business and after discussing with the art department they have decided they would like the gen ed designation removed so that it does not need to go to gen ed. Catherine Vanaria stated there will be more coming.

- Motion to combine as a complete topic: Jessica Eckstein, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dave Smith

1. Proposals from the Art Department (D. Skora).

- ❖ Missy questioned the learning outcome for all. Catherine V stated that there would be a portfolio stated in the junior senior years
  - a. Number Revision/Description Revision/Title Revision Portfolio: Sculpture ART 479 (CD1415061).
    - Nick questioned the phrase, “outcome assessment students will demonstrate...”, he thinks the phrase should just state the outcome. Also that the competencies at the end might be learning outcomes.
  - b. Number Change/Description Revision/Title Change: ART 302 Graphic Process (CD1415153).
  - c. Number Change/Description Revision: ART 304 Illustration I (CD1415154).
    - Nick stated a general statement that was sent out that stated, “the levels that were to be changed were simply to reflect the order in which they are to be taken.” The content is not changing the numbers are. Keith stated the prior course number was incorrect. Nick stated there was a typo it was just mis-numbered. Tim, Missy and Nick discussed that were it states participate to change that and expand the description of what that means.
  - d. Number Change/Description Revision: ART 309 Sculpture I (CD1415255).
  - e. Number Change: Art 312 Typography (CD1415156).
  - f. Number Change/Description Revision: ART 314 Illustration II (CD1415157).



- Missy stated it has the same learning outcome notes. Keith stated the number needs to be changed.
- g. Number Change/Description Revision: ART 318 Painting II (CD1415158).
  - Tim Wiggins was questioning the term used “intermediate”, Catherine V. stated that by intermediate the “ground rules” are broken and students are introduced to a higher level and the real creativity blossoms. Tim feels the term should be further development.
- h. Number Change/Description Revision: ART 319 Sculpture II (CD1415159).
- i. Number Change/Description Revision: ART 328 Painting III (CD1415160).
  - Keith stated that the course number needs to be changed.
- j. Number Change/Description Revision: ART 429 Sculpture II (CD1415161).
  - This should actually be Sculpture III
- k. Number Change: ART 432 Communication Design II (CD1415162).
- l. Number Change/Description Revision: ART 150 Drawing II (CD1415164).
- m. Number Change/Description Revision: ART 216 Photography II (CD1415165).
- n. Number Change/Description Revision: ART 270 Advanced Figure Drawing (CD1415166).
- Vote to approve # approved: 17 / # opposed: 0

### **New Business:**

1. Proposal from the Social Sciences Department (O. Owoye)
  - a. Program discontinuance: B.S. Secondary Education – Social Sciences (CD1415173).
    - Oluwole Owoye explained that the department has decided to discontinue the BS Secondary Education – Social Sciences.
  - Motion to approve: Dave Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Katie Leever-Mazzuto.
  - Discussion: Keith asked if there was a phase out plan for students who started in the program and left, and then would like to re-enroll. Oluwole stated that they can be directed to the history department.
  - # approved: 17 / # opposed: 0
2. Proposal from the Biological and Environmental Sciences Department (P. Boily)
  - a. New Course: Modes of Scientific Communication (CD1516008).
    - Motion to approve: Missy Alexander. 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Smith
    - Discussion: Nick explained that their used to be a scientific communications course that was offered in the biology department, the old course is very different then the new course. There will be a writing intensive course that will be included which is a great thing. Missy stated that there will be an increase in credits. Jennifer Z stated that they have offered it as a faculty developed study that were both full this semester. Missy stated she thinks it is a good course that needs to be put back in. Nick stated that all it needs is the revision.
    - # approved: 15 / # opposed: 0
3. Proposals from the Writing, Linguistics and Creative Process Department (P. Ryan)
  - a. Revision of the Minor in Creative Writing (CD1516014)
  - b. Revision of the Minor in Professional Writing (CD1516015)
  - c. Revision of the Minor in Journalism (CD1516016)
    - Motion to approve: Katie Leever-Mazzuto. 2<sup>nd</sup> Missy Alexander
    - Discussion: Patrick Ryan stated that they have added a minor of creative writing, modified the journalism and removed the publication.
    - # approved: 17 / # opposed: 0



d. Revision of the Major in Professional Writing (CD1516017)

- Discussion: Patrick Ryan explained that at the 7 year review and based on findings they have found that the best idea would be to consolidate their concentrations into 3 concentrations. Eliminating Public Relations, because those students will be taking journalism and communications actually has a public relation course. As well as eliminating the general option all together. Courses will stay the same but the track would be better defined. Missy stated that this is a great revision. Keith and Missy stated that the math on the credits needs to be fixed. JC asked for students to be recommended to the communications department for public relations courses.
- # approved: 17 / # opposed: 0

4. Proposal from Women's Studies (K. Allocco and A. Meyers)

a. Contract Major in Women's Studies

- Motion to approve: Jessica Eckstein. 2<sup>nd</sup> Missy Alexander
- Discussion: Alyssa Meyers explained why she wanted to become a writer and how writing about women's issues is very important to her. Being able to have the contract major in Woman's Studies would open up more doors for her. Kate Allocco explained that the department is proud to back Alyssa. Kate stated a program sheet change with the last 5 courses.
- # approved: 17 / # opposed: 0

5. Course Level Definition Subcommittee - update.

- Nick stated that meeting was productive and they want to work some things out and hopefully will have something to present at next meeting.

**Discussion of information not on Agenda:** Barbara Piscopo stated they are having a reduction of credits, and was wondering if this will take 1 year or will it be immediate. Nick explained that after speaking with Keith that these changes take 1 year because of all the channels they need to go through before being able to be implemented. Keith stated that the Registrar's office is working to expedite the process.

*The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.*

- The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 9:30 a.m., SC 202 (MT)