



**Western Connecticut State University
Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum and Standards
CUCAS Minutes for April 21, 2016
CC 212-214 (WS)**

2015 - 2016 Members Present - Nicholas Greco (Chair), Keith Gauvin, Jerry Wilcox, Missy Alexander, Jamie Begian, Jess House, David Martin, Ming Ling Chuang, Barbara Piscopo, Divya Sharma, Timothy Wiggins, Linda Dalessio, Katie Lever-Mazzuto

Members not present: J.C. Barone, Dave Smith, Jessica Eckstein, Evelin Garcia, Ana DosSantos

Guests: James Donegan, J Stacey Alba-Hawkins, Rich Montague, Carla Netto, Terri Small, Catherine Vanaria

Called to order at 9:30 a.m.

Minutes:

1. Minutes of CUCAS Meeting from March 17, 2016

- Motion to approve: Divya Sharma, 2nd Katie Lever-Mazzuto
- Discussions/Corrections: 0
- #Approved: 5 / Opposed: 0

Announcements: **None**

Reports:

1. General Education Committee Report – (T. Wiggins)

None



Old Business:

1. Proposals from Management Information Systems Department (R. Montague)

a. Proposal for a BBA with a major in Cybersecurity (CD1516189).

- Motion to approve: Divya Sharma, 2nd Katie Lever-Mazzuto
- Discussions/Corrections: N. Greco has received all email approvals except for Math. This was in response to having all affected departments be notified. Greco was concerned about the formatting of the program sheet and that the competencies are already filled in. So those would need to be deleted.
- **#Approved: 9 / Opposed: 0**

2. Proposals from the World Language and Literature Department (G. Bakhtianova)

a. New course: Introduction to Spanish Translation (CD1516186).

- *Program Sheet –This course would replace 208 and would be updated accordingly. Updated will be emailed to N. Greco.
- *Change the pre-requisite to Spanish 197 or permission of the chair of the department
- *Notation of deleted simply means out of rotation
- **#Approved: 11 / Opposed: 0**

b. New course: Spanish Translation Theory and Practice (CD1516349).

- Discussion/Comments: N/A
- *Notation of deleted simply means out of rotation
- *Pre-requisite discussion does not apply
- **#Approved: 11 / Opposed: 0**

c. New course: Spanish for Health and Community (CD1516350).

- Discussion/Comments: N/A
- *Change the pre-requisite to Spanish 197 or permission of the chair of the department
- **#Approved: 11 / Opposed: 0**

d. New course: Spanish for Business and Law (CD1516351).

- Discussion/Comments: N/A
- *Change the pre-requisite to Spanish 197 or permission of the chair of the department
- * Can this course be accepted as a substitute? – Yes. In Gen Ed. it also counts as a competency.
- **#Approved: 11 / Opposed: 0**

e. Spanish Translation Minor Curriculum Proposal (CD1516089).

- Discussion: Many students have wanted to pull together a minor and so the goal is to get those particular students to focus in the development of skills that they could that they could match to their professional careers. It's a growing field. So we are happy to see this.
- **#Approved: 11 / Opposed: 0**



3. Proposals from the Art Department (C. Vanaria)

a. New course: Art 116 (1xx) Introduction to Digital Photography (CD1516113).

- Discussions/Corrections: N. Greco previous question was to why this course was being offered or should it be combined with another. C. Vanaria indicated that there was a need for this course. They have found that many times non-art majors would sometimes want to declare a minor in photography or switch their major into photography, specifically with the shift to digital. The Art Department has the faculty to handle the demand. Can this class be used as a Humanities class for students who are completing their degree? **YES**. Also, 116 has already been used so a new number will have to be obtained.
- **#Approved: 11 / Opposed: 0**

New Business:

1. Proposal from the Social Sciences Department (O. Owoye) - TABLED

a. ANT 229 – Summer Field School in Archaeology – Designation and Pre-requisite change (CD1516109).

- Discussions/Corrections: The main question here was that it was listed as a lecture class and now it's being converted to a lab class that is taught over the summer and lasts five weeks in which the students are there for 8 hours a day and runs every other summer. N. Greco inquired if the credits are too high? It might be more appropriate to have the course listed as 4 credits which will equal the hours. N. Greco will follow-up and confirm that the switch should be made.
- **#Approved: / Opposed: 0**

2. Proposals from the Philosophy and Humanistic Studies Department (S. Dalton)

a. Contract Major for Simon Alexander Schick in Economic Philosophy (CD1516345).

- Motion to approve: Missy Alexander, 2nd Barbara Piscopo
- Discussions/Corrections: 0
 - *Fix the spelling for microeconomics
 - *Program sheet should not include anything except for the major requirements.
 - *SS 400 as a major course, but SS 300 and 201 are required but those are not listed under the major courses. The two are conflicting so there is a concern with the program sheet. Proposal is great. So we will approve pending of that explanation. N. Greco will reach out via email and follow up with S. Dalton.
- **#Approved: 9 / Opposed: 0**

~~b. Cross list PHI 315 – Philosophy of Language with COM 3XX (CD1516265).~~

***Should not have been included in agenda.**



c. New Minor in Logic (CD1516264). - TABLED

- Motion to approve: Missy Alexander, 2nd Barbara Piscopo
- Discussions/Corrections: 0
- *K. Gauvin stated that some of the electives in the minor have pre-requisites, although it is 15 – 18 credits depending upon the students major, assuming this is supposed to be embedded in the liberal arts for interdisciplinary studies. N. Greco wanted to know why this course is listed as 15 credits and the others are listed as 18. Some of them could be 4 credit courses. There are different disciplines that are involved here which is good, but it would be nice if they were notified, in case there is a larger influx of students or a better course that they would like to suggest (COM, JLA) should be contacted
- *Tabled until we have confirmation that affected disciplines have been notified and are in agreement.
- **#Approved: / Opposed: 0**

d. New Minor in Theoretical and Applied Ethics (CD1516183).- TABLED

*Tabled until we have confirmation that affected disciplines have been notified and are in agreement.

e. New Minor in Humanistic Studies (CD1516156).

- Motion to approve: Jamie Begian, 2nd Missy Alexander
- Discussions/Corrections: 0
- **#Approved: 10 / Opposed: 0**

f. Revisions to Philosophy Minor (CD1516155).

- Motion to approve: Missy Alexander, 2nd Jamie Begian
- Discussions/Corrections: 0
- **#Approved: 10 / Opposed: 0**

3. *Proposal from the English Department (D. Gagnon)*

a. TAP Pathway in English (CD1516344).

4. *Proposal from the Social Work Department (P. Ivry)*

a. TAP Pathway in Social Work (CD1516294).

- **Motion to #3 and # 4 as a Packet:** K. Gauvin, 2nd M. Alexander
- Discussions/Corrections: This is strictly an endorsement.
- **#Approved: 10 / Opposed: 0**

5. *Proposals from the Marketing Department(R. Drozdenko)*

a. WRT 210 added to the BBA Core (CD1516250).



- Motion to approve: Divya Sharma, 2nd Katie Lever-Mazzuto
- Discussions/Corrections: Writing 210 was developed by the Writing Department in order to improve writing of our marketing students in their chosen discipline. Over the years Accounting, Management and Finance have adopted it as a requirement. General consensus is that this is a great course.
 - *Program sheets need proper formatting. Please send updated program sheets to the Registrar's Office.
 - *No changes need to be applied.
- **#Approved: 11 / Opposed: 0**

Motion to adjourn: Keith Gauvin 2nd Divya Sharma. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.