

Western Connecticut State University
Macricostas School of Arts & Sciences
Program Review Committee
Minutes from the Friday, December 14th meeting at 10 am in WA 315

Members Present: Michelle Brown, Paul Echeverria, Jessica Eckstein, Rondall Khoo, Rotua Lumbantobing, Forest Robertson.

Guests: Howell Williams, Stuart Dalton.

Meeting was called at 10:07 am by JE.

I. Prior Minutes

1. November minutes
Motion to approve (FR/PE) with a suggestion to use MSAS instead of A&S. Approved 6/0/0.

II. Announcements

JE will be sending (later) proposed revisions of changes to PRC bylaws and members should review them for voting on these revisions at the next meeting.
Going forward, JE will post agenda and minutes on the PRC website.

III. Old Business

No old business.

III. New Business

1. (CD1718155) New PHI minor: Sustainability (Dalton)
Motion to approve (FR/RK). RL mentioned that Environmental Economics will be offered starting in fall 2019 and could be added in the minor offering. There was a concern with the workload of the minor given the department size and the assessment, but it should be manageable because a minor doesn't need a capstone. The PHI Dept. will be in charge of the minor. It will make sense for the department, not the instructor, to do the assessment of the minor (with the understanding that the instructor will provide the data). MB said it's a great minor! Approved 6/0/0 with minor changes in the language to reflect the above.
2. (CD1819071) Course revision: ECO 213 (Lumbantobing)
Motion to approve (PE/FR). Approved 6/0/0.
3. (CD1819073) New course: HIS 4XX: War, Peace, & Memory in 20th Cent. Latin America (Rosenthal) Need frequency as well.
Motion to approve (FR/RK). Questions arose about prerequisites (for a 400-level course to have no prerequisites is unusual). Also, W1 should be a prerequisite. There was a lack of definition and how outcomes would be met for W2. Also missing were assessment plan, more details on course outline (currently only one level), more detailed rationale

(major/minor requirement, part of curriculum, how to support/augment the program), resources, and course rotation. The course title might be revised given that course focuses on 1960 onward (suggestion: contemporary?) or clarify the date range. Not approved (0/6/0).

4. (CD1819081) New course: PS 2XX: Congress & the Presidency (Williams)
Motion to approved (RL/PE). Approved 6/0/0 with minor changes. Approved with change in language from “Creating” to “Critical” in definition.
5. (CD1819083) Course revision: ECO 211 (Lumbantobing)
Motion to approve (FR/JE). Approved 6/0/0. Approved, but the proposal statement must include that you wanted to add the CT competency; change to prerequisite does not come to PRC.
6. (CD1819084) Designate GenEds: CHE 430 (Selzer)
Motion to approve (MB/JE). Approved 6/0/0.
7. (CD1819086) Course revision & GenEd designation: DIMA 300 (Echeverria)
Motion to approve (RK/JE). Incomplete definition of W3, but this was based on Gen Ed Committee’s definition. Discussion revealed that definitions of competencies differ throughout WCSU website—something to check with other relevant committees.
Approved 6/0/0.
8. (CD1819090) New course: HUM 3XX: Advanced Cultural Studies (Stephenson)
Motion to approve (MB/PE). Approved 6/0/0.
9. (CD1819085) New course: PHI 3XX/WS 3XX: Women in History of Philosophy (Malavisi)
Motion to approve (PE/RK). Approved 6/0/0.
10. (CD1819082) New course: PS 3XX/WS 3XX: Gender, Justice & the State (Williams)
Motion to approve (RK/MB). Approved 6/0/0.
11. JE will set the meeting schedule for spring 2019 and send it to everybody.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Rotua Lumbantobing