

WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY  
MACRICOSTAS SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCE  
Program Review Committee Minutes  
October 11, 2019  
Warner Hall 315

**Members Present:** Michelle Brown (Dean), Paul Echeverria, Rondall Khoo, Jess Kraybill, Katie Lever, Forest J. Robertson (chair), and Mike Shoushani.

**Guests Present:** Pat Boily, Stuart Dalton, Gancho Ganchev, D. L. Stephenson, and Çiğdem Üsekes

Meeting called to order 10:04am

I. Prior Minutes:

Approval of September minutes.

Minutes were approved with amendments (Khoo / Echeverria, 6-0).

II. Announcements:

Honors Council information: The Honors Council has its own budget for adjuncts. There will be a meeting consisting of the chairs of the program review committees of the four schools with Chris Kukk to discuss general education competencies.

III. Old Business:

IV. New Business:

1. CS 1XX – New Course: Computer Animation and Scripting (Joel) (CD1920038)  
Motion to approve course (Khoo / Shoushani; Approved pending changes 7-0).  
The outline needs the following changes:
  - a. Better rationale.
  - b. Better course description.
  - c. Quantitative reasoning should be in a separate category.
  - d. Remove “initially” and “may be changed if necessary” in frequency
2. CS Program Change: B.A. in Applied Computing (Ganchev) (CD1920037)  
Motion to approve program change (Lever / Shoushani; Approved pending changes 7-0).
  - a. Change 4 year plan lab science credits to reflect 7 credit change
3. CS Program Change: B.S. in Computer Science (Ganchev) (CD1920036)  
Motion to approve program change (Khoo / Echeverria; Approved pending changes 7-0).
  - a. Change 4 year plan lab science credits to reflect 7 credit change
4. CS 3XX – New Course: Introduction to Data Science with Python (Ganchev) (CD1920035)  
Motion to approve course (Brown / Echeverria; Approved pending changes 7-0).
  - a. Add “with Python” to CS 140 in prereq

- b. Add “and computational” in credits section and rationale between the words Applied and Mathematics
5. CS 240 – Course Revision: Added concision to SLOs in preparation for accreditation (Ganchev) (CD1920047)  
Motion to approve change (Echeverria / Kraybill; Approved pending change 7-0).
  - a. Change is adding Assessment plan for the course.
6. BIO Program Change: Add “With Distinction” option to all B.A. Bio Programs for students who meet specific criteria in BIO490 (Boily) (CD1920048)  
Motion to approve program change (Lever / Brown; Approved 7-0).  
Committee discussed a glitch in Degree Works that needs to be fixed.
7. PSY 313 – Course Revision: Addition of Intercultural Competency (Barrett) (CD1920053)  
Motion to approve change (Khoo / Lever; Approved pending correction 7-0).
  - a. Correction is changing “day, care” in outline to daycare.
  - b. Suggested change is to have the frequency as Every Fall.
8. HUM 1XX – New Course: Film & Society (Dalton) (CD1920049)  
Motion to approve course (Shoushani / Khoo; Approved pending change 6-1-0).
  - a. In resources, remove “DVD” add “media”
  - b. Remove Blackboard in 1<sup>st</sup> outcome and make “online”
9. HUM 2XX – New Course: Science and Technology in Film (Dalton) (CD1920050)  
Motion to approve course (Brown / Echeverria; Approved pending change 6-0-1).
  - a. In resources, remove “DVD” add “media”
  - b. Remove Blackboard in 1<sup>st</sup> outcome and make “online”
10. HUM 2XX – New Course: Conspiracy Theory (Stephenson) (CD1920054)  
Motion to approve course (Kraybill / Lever; Motion was not approved 0-7).
  - a. Suggested changes are: making content more general, and remove “possible topics,”
  - b. Make frequency of every third fall semester starting in fall 2022.
11. HUM 2XX – New Course: News, Fake News, Truth, and Lies (Stephenson) (CD1920055)  
Motion to approve course (Brown / Echeverria; Approved pending change 7-0).
  - a. Formatting of topical outline
  - b. Remove “undergraduate level”
  - c. Change frequency to every third fall semester beginning Fall 2021

Meeting adjourned 11:40am

Respectfully submitted,  
Rondall Khoo