

Minutes
Program Review Committee
Macricostas School of Arts & Sciences

Friday, April 9, 2021 at 9:30 am via WebEx

Minutes to be taken by Katie Lever

Members present: Christine Hegel-Cantarella, Daniel Baluha (Chair), Michael Shoushani, Caroline Waldbuesser, Patrice Boily

Guests: Stavros Christofi, Manoj

1. Prior Minutes

- a. Approval of minutes (Shoushani/Waldbuesser; unanimous approval)

2. Announcements

- a. none

3. Old Business

- a. Proposal to add First Year Competency to COM 163 (CD2021112; Lever-Mazzuto; approved by PRC on Feb. 19, 2021 pending reformatting) (Dan will be sending template-proposal still “pending”).
- b. Revise topical outline for MAT 210 (CD2021005; Maida; approved by PRC on Mar. 12, 2021 pending minor revisions) Revisions have been made and approved by Chair Baluha.
- c. ANT 222 (addition of competencies and other course updates; CD2021163; Whittemore; approved by PRC on Mar 12, 2021 pending minor revisions) Revisions have been made and approved by Chair Baluha.

4. New Business

- a. Changing the name of the Humanistic Studies Program (CD2021170; Usekes) (Motion: Lever/Shoushani) Trying to add coherence to the program and degree by changing “Humanistic Studies” to “Interdisciplinary.” Various members of the committee voiced concern by cornering the term “interdisciplinary.” Will it impact other departments’ course offerings? The name change of the program (not the department) will not be grounds for prohibiting other departments from offering “interdisciplinary.” They are not trying to change the degree, just the program. Confusion remains about changing the program and not the prefix. This is something that the Registrar would have to change. Committee recommends new proposal that would change program name and prefixes. Can model their proposal based on that submitted by World Languages and Cultures.
Unanimous decision in favor of rejecting proposal all it stands.

- b. MAT 568 Partial Differential Equations (CD2021180; Christofi)
***Motion to review as package- proposal to change to MA program in Mathematics (item "f") (Shoushani/Lever: unanimous). Delineates the courses as being graduate courses. Edit on "two semesters," remove "a" under "comprehensive exams." Rephrase "lagging."
- c. MAT 571 Functional Analysis (CD2021183; Christofi)
- d. MAT 569 Numerical Methods for Ordinary and Partial Differential Equations (CD2021181; Christofi)
- e. MAT 570 Applications of Machine Learning and Wavelets (CD2021182; Christofi)
- f. MA in Math Program Revisions (CD2021179; Christofi) (Motion to consider as a package Lever/Shoushani: unanimous (see item "b"))
- g. Review and amendments to PRC bylaws:

Dan: Fast-tracking proposals to Provost is a concern. For example, course outlines. Dan asked if we should revise our by-laws to reflect this

We should contact our senators about the curriculum process. Dan, as chair, should contact Senate president.

Katie Lever will contact Katy Wiss about the flow chart since she played a significant role in creating it

Adjourn 10:59 am