

Minutes
Program Review Committee
Macricostas School of Arts & Sciences
Friday, March 12, 2021 at 9:30 am via WebEx

Present: Daniel Baluha, Mike Shoushani, Caroline Waldbuesser, Pat Boily, Christine Hegel-Cantarella

1. Prior Minutes

a. Approval of February 19, 2021 meeting minutes by Baluha

Motion: Mike, Second, Caroline, 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 pending reformatting

Not reviewed; Lever-Mazzuto not present

4. New Business

a. Revise Course Descriptions: Minimum Grade (CD2021139; Barone)

Motion Mike, Second, Caroline

- Issue raised and discussed; Issue raised: For students transferring in, a course will not be accepted if the student hasn't earned a C- or better, which means there are 2 standards (a student could transfer in with a course and receive a lower grade than the standard required of other students in the department). The grade will not show up (is recorded as T), so transfer students can't be held to the C or better standard. Counter: There are precedents in other departments of requiring C or better for courses, so this double standard is present elsewhere and should not prevent COM from requiring this for their majors.

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

b. Revise topical outline for MAT 210 (CD2021005; Maida)

Motion: Mike, Second Caroline

Discussion

- Revision requested: statement of rationale before the course description, specifying the changes in the course objectives.
- Boily shared a flowchart that suggests that PRC does not need to vote, Chair can approve and send directly to Provost (bc it's only minor changes to the course outline and objectives)
- In PRC by-laws it seems that we do need to vote.

Vote: Unanimous approval

c. SOC 100FY (CD2021158; Misra)

Motion: Mike, Second, Caroline

- Discussion of whether this is actually a new course (determined not to be)
- Discussion about whether this is just for Ant/Soc students (no, open to all)
- Discussion of whether there are parallels in other departments, in which one course has some FY sections as well as other non-FY sections (there are, in PHI and COM)
- Minor spelling corrections requested
- Minor revision in rationale to explain increase in credit hours from 3-4 for this version of SOC100

Vote: unanimous approval

d. SS 1XX FY (new course; CD2021159; Misra)

Motion: Caroline, Second, Mike

- Minor spelling correction requested
- Discussion about whether this is just for Social Sciences students (no, open to all)

Vote: unanimous approval

e. ANT 100FY (CD2021160; Misra)

Motion: Mike, Second, Caroline

- Minor spelling corrections requested
- Minor revision in rationale to explain increase in credit hours from 3-4 for this version of ANT100

Vote: unanimous approval

f. SOC 211 (addition of competencies and course revisions; CD2021161; Bandhauer)

Motion: Mike, Second Caroline

- General discussion for clarifications of changes

Vote: unanimous approval

g. Un-Cross-Listing of SOC courses from JLA (CD2021162; Misra)

Motion: Christine, Second, Caroline

- General discussion for clarifications of changes

Vote: unanimous approval

h. ANT 222 (addition of competencies and other course updates; CD2021163; Whittemore)

- General discussion
- Minor revision to put content under 'resources'
- Minor revisions, 4th paragraph of rationale, remove parenthesis. Add c to outcome. Tab 'justification' in alignment

Vote: Unanimous approval

Minutes recorded by Christine Hegel-Cantarella