

Program Review Committee Minutes
9:30am, Friday May 14, 2021
Webex Meeting

Members Present: (alphabetical) Dan Baluha (chair), Michelle Brown, Christine Hegel-Cantarella, Mike Shoushani, Caroline Waldbuesser

Guests Present: Galina Bakhtiarova, Stavros Christofi, Manoj Misra, Bill Petkanas, Dora Pinou, Chuck Rocca

Meeting called to order: 9:33am

1. Prior Minutes
 - a. Approval of Apr 9, 2021 meeting minutes (Shoushani/Waldbuesser 4-0-2)
2. Announcements
 - a. a. none
3. Old Business
 - a. CD2021112: Proposal to add First Year Competency to COM 163 (Lever)
No updates.
4. New Business
 - a. CD2021231: Aligning Existing Course WLC 120 "Food and World Cultures in Film" with Critical Thinking Competency (Bakhtiarova)

The PDF/Word Document uploaded to Sharepoint are the same. Dan will remove the Word file to remove the redundancy.

Motion to approve pending the above revision (Lever/Waldbuesser 6-0-0).

- b. CD2021142: Revision to DIMA major core and CS option (Petkanas)

Motion to approve (Lever/Hegel-Cantarella 6-0-0). Motion passed unanimously without discussion.

- c. CD2021189: Environmental Design (Pinou)
 - d. CD2021188: Ecosystems and Environmental Concerns (Pinou)
 - e. CD2021184: Analytical Technology/Instrumentation (Pinou)
 - f. CD2021185: Readings and Research in Environmental Concerns (Pinou)
 - g. CD2021186: Energy Use and Global Climate Change (Pinou)
 - h. CD2021187: Long Island Sound (Pinou)

These SCSU courses support the MS in Integrative Biological Diversity, a joint program between WCSU and SCSU. The courses will not be taught at WCSU but must be approved by the university to be able to appear on our open/close. The intention is to remove an administrative hurdle for our students. A concern was raised with regard to PRC approving courses based only on syllabi. It was noted that these courses are already offered by SCSU and have been approved by them.

Bio departmental minutes were requested. Item e. should include BIO5xx in the

course label/number field on Sharepoint.

Motion to approve items c through h as a package items pending the above items are addressed (Brown/Lever 6-0-0).

- i. CD2021230: MAT 429 – Historical Development of Mathematics (Revised; Rocca)

Motion to approve (Brown/Waldbuesser 6-0-0). Motion passed unanimously without discussion.

- j. CD2021229: MAT 412 Intro to Group Theory (NEW; Rocca)

There was concern about 'Intro' not reflecting the level of the class. As this will be cross-listed with MAT 512 Group Theory, the title will be changed to 'Group Theory'

A course rotation was requested.

Motion to approve (Lever/Shoushani 6-0-0). Motion passes pending the additions above are made.

- k. CD2021004: MAT 4xx: Advanced Geometry (Burns)
- l. CD2021003: MAT 3xx: Axiomatic Geometry (Burns)

A concern was raised whether these were course revisions or new courses. Given the types of changes, it is more appropriate to consider these as new courses.

A concern was also raised regarding the course numbering 4xx for the second class, but given the structure of the program it is more appropriate for this to be a 4xx level class.

A course rotation will be uploaded to reflect the structure and where these courses fit in the program.

There is a typo in the rationale. The word 'order' is misspelled. The word the is repeated twice in the rationale for 3xx/4xx as well as in the last student learning outcome of the 3xx course.

Motion to approve items k and l as a package (Brown/Hegel-Cantarella 6-0-0). Motion passes pending the course rotation is added and the minor typos are fixed.

- m. CD2021191: New Course Proposal: Food, Justice, and the Environment (Misra)

Department meeting minutes were requested.

A course rotation will be attached to the proposal.

Motion to approve (Lever/Brown 6-0-0). Motion passes pending receipt of minutes and course rotation.

- n. CD2021228: SS removal of SOC JLA cross-listing + SOC Deletion (Bandhauer)

The proposal is a revision based on discussion/feedback provided at CUCAS in their April 2021 meeting. CUCAS minutes will be added to reflect that there was an agreement reached by both parties for the de-crosslisting.

Motion to approve (Lever/Waldbuesser 6-0-0). Motion passes pending receipt the relevant CUCAS minutes

- o. CD2021227: Removal of ANT/COM 208 cross-listing & Deletion of ANT 208 (Bandhauer)

Motion to approve (Waldbuesser/Hegel-Cantarella 6-0-0). Motion passes unanimously without discussion.

- p. CD2021225: Revised Program Sheet – Anthropology/Sociology Major (Hegel-Cantarella)

A copy of the current program sheet was requested together with a draft version of the new program sheet highlighting changes.

Department meeting minutes were requested.

Motion to approve pending the old program sheet, revised program sheet, and meeting minutes are added to the proposal (Lever/Shoushani 6-0-0)

- q. CD2021224: Revised Course Outline ANT SOC 330 Social and Cultural Theory (Hegel-Cantarella)

Deletion of blank pages in the proposal was requested.

Departmental meeting minutes were also requested.

Motion to approve pending the minor revision above is made and that the meeting minutes are added to the proposal. (Lever/Waldbuesser 6-0-0)

Meeting adjourned 11:04am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Shoushani