



**Meeting Minutes**  
Program Review Committee  
Macricostas School of Arts & Sciences

Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 4:00PM in HI107

Members present: Brian Clements, Kristin Giamanco, Jess Kraybill, Anna Malavisi, Manoj Misra, and Forest Robertson (Chair)

Guests present, Carlos Santibanez-Lopez, Gancho Ganchev, and Theodora Pinou,

**I. Prior Minutes**

1. Approval of December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Malavisi, Kraybill: Approved 3-0-3

**II. Announcements**

1. None

**III. Old Business**

1. None

**IV. New Business**

1. BIO 2XX – New course: Introduction to Bioinformatics (Santibanez-Lopez) (CD2223061) Misra/ Kraybill, approved 6-0-0 pending following changes.
  - a. In the course description, delete the reference to “BIO 312” in the last sentence and mention “other upper-level Bio classes” instead.
  - b. Address the formatting problems in the numbering of items and clean up the learning outlines.
  - c. Course rotation: begin from 2024 and remove the word “afterwards”.
  - d. Course rotation is missing and would be sent to Robertson.
  
2. CS – Revision of Applied Computing Program; additional electives and GPA requirement (Ganchev) (CD2223096) Malavisi/ Kraybill, approved 6-0-0 pending following changes.
  - a. The written description uploaded to SharePoint mentions GPA changes from 3.5 to 3.0. This is a typo. The actual change is from 2.5 to 2.0 as per the department meeting minutes. Address the typo and send a new description to Robertson
  - b. The old outline is missing and needs to be attached.
  - c. A new program sheet is needed incorporating the changes in courses.

- d. An assessment plan is needed.
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- 3. BIO – Revision of BA in Biology to BS in Biology; option name changes (Pinou) (CD2223094) Giamanco/Malavisi, Rejected 0-1-5
    - a. Dora Pinou demanded a formal response from PRC. She said she spoke with the Provost and had her consent. She also suggested that MSAS Dean was also in agreement with the proposed changes.
    - b. Pinou suggested it was a track change and not a name change. It follows the recent HPX and SCSU models.
    - c. BS in Biology – Robertson pointed out that many grad schools requires organic chemistry but the proposed changes does not include this.
    - d. Pinou suggested that this proposed change is aimed at creating a premed track in the Biology department.
    - e. Robertson suggested that the proposal in its form didn't meet the threshold for getting students into medical school.
    - f. Clements suggested that the MSAS Dean is in favor of the changes but wanted to have Biology and Chemistry discuss it and the technicalities be worked out.
    - g. Robertson said that every department has the right to decide their own programs but if it's called pre-health then there are definite thresholds and criteria to be followed that are beyond the department.
    - h. Misra suggested that the PRC committee be provided with the relevant SCSU premed program details that recently passed the BOR to help the committee make an informed decision.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Manoj Misra