

**Minutes**  
Program Review Committee  
Macricostas School of Arts & Sciences  
Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 9:30AM in HI 107

Present:

Committee members: Howell Williams, Kristin Giamanco, Brian Stankus, Nicholas Gallucci,  
Michelle Brown, Kelli Custer

Guests: Galina Bakhtiarova, Forest Robertson, Wynn Gadkar-Wilcox, Daniel Coffman,  
Gancho Ganchev

**I. Prior Minutes**

1. Approval of September 11th minutes (Stankus/Giamanco). The minutes were approved with a 5-0 vote with minor revisions.

**II. New Business**

1. Revision of the BA in Spanish program (changes in required course credits) (Galina Bakhtiarova) (CD2425014). The proposal (Stankus/Giamanco) was approved with a 6-0 vote. Several revisions were identified by Forrest Robertson. To clarify student requirements, he recommended removing the word “or” after “Spanish Cultural Conversation” courses for semesters three and four. There was a discussion of whether the FY class could be a one or two hour course. The proposal also lacked a list of student learning outcomes. These minor revisions were requested.
2. CS 5XX – New course: Foundations of Artificial Intelligence (Coffman, Ganchev) (CD2425015) Gancho Ganchev recommended tabling the submission because there was to be a Computer Science Department meeting on the same day in which this course and two Mathematics courses were to be evaluated. He thought it premature to approve this course without clarification about the three courses from the Computer Science Department. He maintained that this course outline might change as a result of the contents of the Mathematics courses. Committee members asked if the course outline was likely to change substantially after reviewing the content of the Mathematics courses. Daniel Coffman, the author of this course outline, said that it would not. The Committee suggested approving the course with the consideration that minor changes might result from the review of the aforementioned Mathematics courses. In addition, it was noted that an updated course rotation would be necessary, and that a statement such as “equivalent courses or department approval” should be added “Prerequisites” section. Forrest Robertson noted that in the “Assessment” section a statement to the effect of “not limited to exams, and quizzes” should be added. He noted that capital letters were needed for item 4, “c” and “b” and for item 5, “b.” Michelle Brown identified two “3s” in the topical outline. This proposal (Custer/Stankus) passed with six for and zero against.
3. PHI 5XX – New course: Philosophy, Ethics, and Safety of Artificial Intelligence (Malavisi) (CD2425017)  
(Motion to Approve – Custer/Giamanco)  
Michelle Brown said that four additional courses in the new graduate program in Artificial Intelligence were in curricular development. One of these was developed in the summer of 2024 by D L Stephenson with the support of her office. This course concerns the ethics of artificial intelligence. She was not aware that Philosophy 5XX was in development. Wynn Gadkar-Wilcox spoke for the History/Philosophy/World Perspectives Department and argued that a background in Philosophy was necessary to teach this course as Philosophy was the proper foundation for ethics. He said that his Department was asked by Gancho Ganchev to develop this course and that a Faculty Development Grant

subsidized its construction. Gancho Ganchev said he saw nothing wrong with the existence of two courses that met requirements for the degree. Howell Williams said that given that this degree was intended to be interdepartmental, the course should have a Philosophy rather than Computer Science title. Brian Stankus recommended tabling the proposal until the Computer Science Department decides which (or both) course(s) to put forward. Kelli Custer withdrew her original motion to approve this course and recommended tabling this proposal (Custer/Stankus) and this was approved six to zero.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Gallucci