



**Western Connecticut State University
Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum and Standards
CUCAS Minutes for September 17th 2015
SC 202 (MT)**

2015-2016 Members Present: Nicholas Greco (chair), Keith Gauvin, Barbara Piscopo, Linda Dalessio, Katie Leever-Mazzuto (9:40am arrival), JC Barone, Divya Sharma, Tom Yoon, David Martin, Missy Alexander, Jamie Begian, Jerry Wilcox, Timothy Wiggins, Dave Smith.

Members not present: Jess House & Jessica Eckstein

Guests: Emily Stevens, Jody Rajcula, Jane McBride-Gates, Ann Atkinson, Jennifer Zdziarski, Carla Netto, Jolee Dinho-Guerreiro.

Called to order at 9:30 a.m.

Announcements:

1. Introduction of 2015-2016 Members: (see above)

Minutes:

2. Minutes of CUCAS meeting of May 14th 2015.
 - Motion to approve: Divya Sharma, 2nd: Timothy Wiggins
 - Discussions/ Corrections: None
 - # approved: 11 / # opposed: 0

Old Business:

Chemistry, Biology, Physics and Meteorology can accommodate the additional seats. Nicholas Greco has an email from each department stating this.

- Motion to combine a-f as a complete topic: Timothy Wiggins, 2nd: Jamie Begian.
1. Proposals from the Health Promotion & Exercise Sciences Department (E. Stevens, J. Rajcula).
 - a. Change the General Education requirement from PSY 218 to PSY elective for the B.S. Health Promotion Studies (CD1415129).
 - b. Change the General Education requirement from HIS 101 to HIS 148 or 149 for the B.S. Health Promotion Studies (CD1415130).
 - c. Add CHE 111 as an option for the Chemistry General Education requirement for the B.S. Health Promotion Studies (CD1415131).
 - d. Reduce the number of free electives from 26 S.H. to 21 S.H. for the B.S. Health Promotion Studies (CD1415132).
 - e. Change the program sheets to reflect the changes in the General Education requirement for the B.S. Health Promotion Studies (CD1415133).
 - f. Create a new option in the B.S. Health Promotion Studies Degree called: Allied Health Professions (CD1415134).
 - Discussion:
 - Emily explained they are trying to change a few of the general education requirements for all of Health Promotion Studies. Emily went on to read the changes they are looking to implement. Options c and f would go together, the department is looking to create a new option in Health Promotion Studies called Allied Health Professions.



- ❖ Missy and Emily discussed the physical therapy piece of Allied Health Professions. Missy was concerned our courses would not fill the pre-requisites for the P.T. schools. Missy checked the requirements at UCONN, Sacred Heart and Quinnipiac. Emily explained it really isn't a P.T. program it is an Allied Health program. Missy stated that as long as students are not told this option will lead right to a degree in P.T. she is fine with it.
- ❖ JC questioned whether the extra 8 credits will be a problem, Emily explained that this program is usually finished in 5 semesters so students should not fall into an issue, students can take different lab sciences.
- ❖ Nick suggested that if the students were in this option they should have dual advisors with HPS and with Paula Secondo or Anne Roberts.
- ❖ Barbara questioned the HPX 490 course of 450 hours and would this be an individualized program where the students would keep track of their papers and time. Emily explained that they have a coordinator who would help to establish the program and keep the student on track.
- ❖ Jennifer stated that on the program sheet it states CHEM 102 or CHEM 110, she asked if a student opts to take CHEM 102 how will they get to CHEM 111 which is a required course. Emily explained that for the Allied Health Option they would actually have to take CHEM 110 not 102 and they would have to work very closely with advisors to get that information to the students. Jennifer asked if CHEM 102 needed to be on the program sheet and Missy questioned whether it could be removed. Emily stated that yes it had to be there because all the program sheets for Health Promotion Studies need to be consistent. Jennifer thinks this may be misleading to students, they may take CHEM 102 and then down the line they will find out they need to take CHEM 110 & CHEM 111 and suggested putting a note stating that Allied Health Professions Options must take CHEM 110 and CHEM 111). Emily agreed. Missy will be bringing information regarding a cognate course, which she feels will help this concept.
- ❖ Nick questioned with PSY 218 being removed any PSY elective being added, whether there would be a particular PSY course. Emily explained that it was removed for more flexibility for the student. Nick also was questioning the HIS 148/149 piece, Emily stated they only need to choose one and it depends on which part of history they were interested in.
- ❖ Nick stated he needed the meeting minutes for a-e showing approval, the minutes from February only showed the approval for the Allied Health Profession option. Emily stated she will get that along with the change in the program sheet.
- ❖ Tim saw somewhere that the implementation date was supposed to be Fall 2015, so that needs to be updated. Nick thinks that after the final approval it is just 1 year from that date is when it is implemented. Jody questioned why the department needs to wait a year for this to be implemented. Keith stated that students entering this year are under the current catalog and that changes have already been created. Also it needs to go through all approvals and implemented into the school system which takes time as well. Nick thinks the advising to take these courses could begin but the official program sheet will not be available until Fall 2016. Emily questioned the 120 credit piece and how that would work with students needing 125 credits by May and then only 120 by August. Missy stated she has the same issue. Jane raised serious concerns about the implementation timing of new programs.

- Vote to approve a-f as a complete package # approved: 11 / # opposed: 0

New Business:

1. Proposals from the Art Department (D. Skora).
 - a) Number Revision/Description Revision/Title Revision Portfolio: Sculpture ART 479 (CD1415061).
 - b) Number Change/Description Revision/Title Change: ART 302 Graphic Process (CD1415153).
 - c) Number Change/Description Revision: ART 304 Illustration I (CD1415154).
 - d) Number Change/Description Revision: ART 309 Sculpture I (CD1415255).



- e) Number Change: Art 312 Typography (CD1415156).
- f) Number Change/Description Revision: ART 314 Illustration II (CD1415157).
- g) Number Change/Description Revision: ART 318 Painting II (CD1415158).
- h) Number Change/Description Revision: ART 319 Sculpture II (CD1415159).
- i) Number Change/Description Revision: ART 328 Painting III (CD1415160).
- j) Number Change/Description Revision: ART 429 Sculpture II (CD1415161).
- k) Number Change: ART 432 Communication Design II (CD1415162).
- l) Number Change/Description Revision: ART 150 Drawing II (CD1415164).
- m) Number Change/Description Revision: ART 216 Photography II (CD1415165).
- n) Number Change/Description Revision: ART 270 Advanced Figure Drawing (CD1415166).
- o) New Course: ART 258 Gallery Techniques (CD1415163).

- Discussion: Nick stated that a-o should actually go to Gen Ed first since they are dealing with number and description changes as well as a new course. Nick's suggestion is to reject them all and have the art department resend them to Gen Ed. Nick and Timothy had a discussion on the proposal going to Gen Ed and then back to CUCAS.
- Motion to approve: Jamie Begian, 2nd: Missy Alexander.
- # approved: 0 / # opposed: 12

2. Proposals from the Philosophy & Humanistic Studies Department (S. Dalton)

- a) Contract Major in Philosophy and Fiction – Daniel Chamberlin (CD1415171).
 - A. Missy explained that this came about because a student needs this approved so he can graduate. The contract major is in Philosophy and Writing.
 - A. Motion to approve: Timothy Wiggins, 2nd: Jamie Begian
 - B. Discussion: Nick asked to just remove the electives so that the next student looking to take this contract major does not fall into the same issues. Missy suggested directions on how to write up a contract major would be helpful.
 - C. # approved: 12 / # opposed: 0
- b) New B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts (CD1415119).
 - A. Motion to approve: JC Barone, 2nd: Jamie Begian
 - B. Discussion: Missy explained that there is a need for a BA in Liberal Arts at WCSU. This will affect three different audiences.
 - 1. Contract Majors
 - 2. Adult Learners
 - 3. Students kicked out of other schools and put in to Arts & Sciences.Missy stated that the other CSU schools have this degree already. Students would have to take 2 minors in the program, 1 of which would have to be in Arts & Sciences. Keith questioned whether students would be able to use this as part of a double major. Missy said yes but students would need to know the limits. Keith asked if with its flexibility the major would make it easier to double major. Missy stated yes because they would have more options. Jane stated that a major issue for a college student is affordability and this would go very well with that.
 - C. # approved: 12 / # opposed: 0

3. Definitions for 100, 200, 300 and 400 Level courses (M. Alexander).

- a) Discussions: Missy proposed to create a sub-committee to write up clear guidelines for 100, 200, 300 and 400 level courses. She stated that there needs to be more clarification on each.
 - A. Sub-Committee: Missy, Nick, Keith & Tim.



4. Alternating Meeting Locations between Midtown and Westside.

- Nick explained that the discussion has come up to have alternate meeting locations at Midtown and Westside just like the senate does since we are a two campus school. Nick will schedule the next meeting at the Westside and then rotate between campuses.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

- The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 9:30 a.m., Nick will find space on the Westside campus and let everyone know of the location.