WCSU Committee on General Education

Minutes

05/06/2016

Recording: Jay Brower

Members Present: O’Brien (Chair); Brower, Custer, Defeo; Üsekes (stand-in proxy for Alexander); Wade-Rancourt; Wiggins

I. Motion to approve the April 15, 2016 minutes. (Custer/Pinou). Unanimously approved.

II. Old Business

III. New Business
   a. Sharepoint Course Proposals
      i. BIO
         1. CD1516292
            a. Motion to approve CD1516292 (Brower/Wade-Rancourt). Unanimously approved.
      ii. EDU
         1. CD1516355
            a. Motion to approve CD1516355 (Brower/Custer). Motion defeated.
            b. Motion to postpone indefinitely considering of CD1516355 pending revisions (Brower/Custer). Unanimously approved.
         2. CD1516354
            a. Motion to postpone indefinitely considering of CD1516354 pending revisions (Brower/Custer). Unanimously approved.
         3. CD1516353
            a. Motion to approve pending revisions (Üsekes/Kelli).
      iii. ENG
         1. CD1516314
            a. Motion to approve CD1516314 (Custer/Brower). Unanimously approved
         2. CD1516313
            a. Motion to approve CD1516313 (Brower/Defeo). Unanimously approved.
         3. CD1516311
            a. Motion to approve CD1516311 pending revisions (Wade-Rancourt/Üsekes). Unanimously approved.
         4. CD1516310
            a. Motion to approve CD1516310 pending revisions (Wade-Rancourt/Defeo). Unanimously approved.
         5. CD1516309; CD1516308; CD1516307; CD1516306; CD1516305
            a. Motion to approve CD1516309; CD1516308; CD1516307; CD1516306; CD1516305 as a package (Defeo/Pinou). Unanimously approved.
      iv. HPX
         1. CD1516304; CD1516302; CD1516300
a. Motion to approve CD1516304; CD1516302; CD1516300 as a package (Wiggins/Defeo). Unanimously approved.

v. MKT
1. CD1516361
   a. Motion to approve CD1516361 (Custer/Defeo). Unanimously approved.

vi. MIS
1. CD1516341
   a. Motion to approve CD1516341 (Wade-Rancourt/Üsekes). Unanimously approved pending the inclusion of department minutes.

vii. PHI
1. CD1516323; CD1516322; CD1516321; CD1516320; CD1516319; CD1516318; CD1516317.
   2. Motion to approve CD1516323; CD1516322; CD1516321; CD1516320; CD1516319; CD1516318; CD1516317 as a package (Brower/Defeo).
      a. Discussion: Brower asked for the Committee to consider the implications of approving courses with Oral Communication and Creative Process competencies for courses that have student capacity set at levels beyond 20-25 students. In courses where individual performance is directly implicated in satisfying these competencies (e.g., public speaking; musical recital, acting), attention must be paid to ensuring that students have adequate in-class time to engage in pedagogical activities at the heart of the competency.
         i. Associate Dean Üsekes noted that course scheduling in the Macricostas School of Arts & Sciences is being conducted with active attention and response to these needs.
         ii. Brower noted that a range of national associations and accrediting bodies already define appropriate course caps in those fields traditionally offering the kinds of curricula at the heart of the two competencies noted above. These should serve as a guide in establishing course caps to ensure a high-quality student experience and set professionally appropriate expectations for faculty workload.

viii. PSY
1. CD1516290
   a. Motion to postpone CD1516290 indefinitely pending revisions (Custer/Üsekes). Unanimously approved.
2. CD1516289
   a. Motion to postpone CD1516289 indefinitely pending revisions (Custer/Üsekes). Unanimously approved.
3. CD1516285
   a. Motion to approve CD1516285 (Custer/Pinou). Unanimously approved.

b. FDS
i. HIS198
   1. Motion to approve HIS198 (Brower/Custer). Motion failed.

ii. NUR198
    1. Motion to approve NUR198 (Wiggins/Rancourt). Unanimously approved.

   c. General Education at WCSU Fall 2016 (document attached)
      i. Agenda item postponed due to the constraints of the time fixed for adjournment.

IV. Other Business
   a. Motion to extend the deadline for considering all courses relevant to first year students at the next meeting of the Committee on General Education (tentatively scheduled for 5/13/2016).

V. Adjourned: 2:51.

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