

WPI Committee on Academic Operations Minutes

*11th CAO meeting of AY 2015-2016
Thursday, November 12, 2015
Beckett Conference Room, Fuller Labs*

Present: Rob Lindeman (CS; Chair), Stephan Sturm (MA; Acting Secretary), William Clark (CHE), Mark Claypool (CS), Whitney Davis (Student Representative), Heather Jackson (Registrar), Paul Reilly (Academic Advising),

Absent: Chuck Kornik (Administrator of Academic Programs), VJ Manzo (HUA), Johnny Ross (Student Representative), Kris Wobbe (Provost Representative, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies)

Meeting called to order at 4:02pm

Old Business

1. Motion from BBT to add a Capstone Course (*Wobbe liaison*)
⇒ Approved
2. Motion from BBT to drop BB4008, BB4010, and BB4150 (*Wobbe liaison*)
Add course description, remove course description from BB4900
⇒ Conditionally approved
3. Motion from BBT to Change the Distribution Requirements (*Wobbe liaison*)
⇒ Approved
4. Motion from HUA to add a New Course, AR 2301 (old 1300) (*Claypool liaison*)
Note that students cannot get at same time credit for this course and AR130X
⇒ Approved
5. Motion from HUA to add a New Course, AR 2401 (old 1200) (*Claypool liaison*)
Note that students cannot get at same time credit for this course and AR120X
⇒ Approved
6. Motion from HUA to add a New Permanent Course, WR 1020(*Claypool liaison*)
⇒ With originator
7. Motion from HUA to add a New Permanent Course, WR 2010 (*Claypool liaison*)
⇒ With originator
8. Five Motions from SPSS/PSY (*Wobbe liaison*)
⇒ Postponed to next meeting

New Business

1. Motion from SPSS to add an experimental course GOV 232X Risks, Hazards and Resilience (*Sturm liaison*)
Recommended background not in standard form, personnel resources unclear, intended offering times unclear
 ⇒ Conditionally approved
2. Motion from CEE to add an experimental course CE 4055X Resilient infrastructure for changing climate and extreme weather (*Clark liaison*)
Title too long, course number not in standard format - consult with Chuck Kornik, required background has to be reworked, no evaluation criteria are given, personnel resources not motivated, sentence about distribution requirements unclear
 ⇒ Conditionally approved
3. Motion from SPSS to change the course description of SOC 1202 Introduction to Sociology and Cultural Diversity (*Sturm liaison*)
 ⇒ Approved as editorial
4. Motion from CS to change the course description of CS 1101 Introduction to Program Design (*Claypool liaison*)
 ⇒ Approved as editorial
5. Motion from CS to change the course description of CS 1102 Accelerated Introduction to Program Design (*Claypool liaison*)
Clarify the removing of the sentence about functional programming
 ⇒ Conditionally approved as editorial
6. Motion from SPSS to add PSY 1403 Developmental Psychology (*Wobbe liaison*)
Big picture behind 7 motions for PSY unclear, remove sentence about typical evaluations, note that students may not receive credit for this course and for PSY 140X, question 26B information from student evaluations missing, course number was already used - consult with Chuck Kornik
 ⇒ Conditionally approved
7. Motion from SPSS to add PSY 1412 Mental Health (*Wobbe liaison*)
Implementation date unclear, note that students may not receive credit for this course and for PSY 141X, question 26B information from student evaluations missing, title too broad, anticipated instructor and expertise unclear
 ⇒ Back to originator

Meeting adjourned at 5:05pm

Respectfully submitted,
 Stephan Sturm, CAO acting secretary