April 24, 2018

To: Dean Van Galen, Chancellor
116 North Hall
University of Wisconsin – River Falls

From: Mialisa Moline, Chair
Faculty Senate
University of Wisconsin – River Falls

Re: UWRF Faculty Senate Motion 2017-18/112

The following motion was approved with 19 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions by the Faculty Senate on April 18, 2018:

Motion from Academic Program and Policy Committee (Tammy Kincaid, Chair) to approve proposed program change to the Professional and Organizational Communication minor (attached documentation).

✓ Approved

☐ Disapproved

Dean Van Galen, Chancellor

4/25/18

Date
Undergraduate Program Change

Preparer(s)  
Grace L. Coggio

College  
CAS

Department  
CMS

Date  
2/7/18

Program Title  
Professional and Organizational Communication Minor

Implementation Term  
Fall 2018

Nature of Proposal  
An existing program

Have all courses been approved?  
Yes

Requested changes (select all that apply):  
☐ Name change  ☐ Credits change  ☐ Curriculum change

☐ Change in major  ☑ Change in minor  ☐ Change in option/emphasis  ☐ Other

Reviewed and approved by  

Department  
CMS

College Curriculum Committee  
CAS

Dean of  
CAS

University Curriculum Committee

Acad. Policy & Program Committee

Faculty Senate

Provost/Vice Chancellor

Chancellor

Approval date  
2/7/18

Signature of Chair/Dean  
Sarah Eller

Approval date  
2/8/18

Signature of Chair/Dean  
Digital signature by Tamara Kincaid

Approval date  
2-14-2018

Signature of Chair/Dean  
Digital signature by Mialisa Moline

Revised: Fall 2015

Notice of action
Department of Communication and Media Studies
University of Wisconsin–River Falls

Minutes of the Faculty Meeting
11:00 a.m., January 25, 2018
310 North Hall

Present: Sandy Ellis, Grace Coggio, Andris Straumanis, Jennifer Willis-Rivera (via phone)

1. Two budget requests for Marketing Communication faculty have been submitted.

2. Approval of minutes of 2017-12-6 Willis-Rivera/Coggio

3. Approval of removal Professional Organizational Communication minor from Communication Studies program Coggio/Willis-Rivera

4. Ellis distributed copy of UW System Administrative Policy 136. If anyone has comments, they should be forwarded to Gregg Heinselman.

5. Summer class schedules are needed immediately – Ellis needs a list of classes faculty want to offer with start and end dates.

6. As part of the merit review process, faculty should submit a summary of their activities by February 5. They can be submitted as bullet points.

7. It’s time to submit missing fall 2017 working syllabi, 2018 J-Term and spring working syllabi. Send syllabi to Koch and to syllabi@uwrf.edu. Working from a master list of all classes, Koch will make sure all syllabi are submitted adhere to the syllabi checklist. Koch will place the syllabi checklist in the CAS/Communication and Media Studies/Courses/Working Syllabi folders on Falcon file.

8. Office hour expectations for Communication & Media Studies IAS will be discussed at the next department meeting.

9. Ellis has sent a request to faculty to volunteer for Campus visit days.

Adjournment 12:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nora Koch, Program Associate
Communication and Media Studies
Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2017

Present: Sandy Ellis, David Bonko, Grace Coggio, Jennifer Willis-Rivera,

1. Motion to Withdraw Professional & Organizational Communication minor. Coggio/Willis-Rivera

2. Motion to Approve program change in Communication Studies, substituting COMS 308 Small Group Communication for COMS 386 Communication Theory And Qualitative Research Methods. Bonko/Coggio

3. Motion to Withdraw the following courses. Ellis/Willis

   MARC 207 Listening Skills
   MARC 320 Evaluating Marketing Communication
   MARC 407 Listening Instruction
   COMS 207 Listening Skills
   COMS 370 Intercollegiate Debate
   COMS 371 Intercollegiate Forensics
   COMS 403 Dir. Sec School Forensics
   COMS 407 Listening Instruction
   COMS 414 Speech in History
   COMS 481 Wisconsin in Scotland
   COMS 489 Seminar: SCTA
   COMS 490 Ind. Study: Senior Project
   COMS 506 Non-Verbal Communication
   COMS 514 Introduction to Criticism
   COMS 516 Organizational Comm.
   COMS 589 Special Topics in Speech
   COMS 603 Dir. Sec School Forensics
   COMS 610 Comm. Act for the Classroom
   COMS 614 Speech in History
   COMS 689 Special Topics in Speech
   COMS 789 Special Topics in Speech
   COMS 791 Language Arts App Unit
   COMS 798 Independent Research
   COMS 799 Thesis

4. Motion to inactivate the following courses. Willis-River/Bonko
   JOUR 319 Media & American Politics
   JOUR 455 Mass Media & Society

5. Motion to approve new course proposal forms for the following courses. Willis-Rivera/Coggio

   COMS 101 Fundamentals of Communication
   COMS 213 Intercultural Communication
   COMS 216 Communication in the Interview
   COMS 286 Introduction to Communication Studies
   COMS 289 Special Topics in Communication
   COMS 311 Persuasion
   COMS 312 Argumentation and Decision Making
   COMS 315 Communication and Social Change
   COMS 389 Special Topics in Communication
   COMS 440 Gender Communication
   COMS 499 Independent Study

Adjournment 8:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Ellis, Chair
UWRF – Program Change for Communication Studies

Program Change: COMS 308 replaces COMS 386 as a required course in the Communication Studies core curriculum

a) Rationale for change request: The principle objective of the Small Group Communication course (COMS 308) is the development of collaborative communication skills. This objective meets the following learning outcome for the Communication Studies major: Students will demonstrate effective collaboration with others. To ensure that all of our majors are able to demonstrate this skill upon graduation, we are requiring it as a core course in our curriculum. COMS 308 is replacing the COMS 386 core course, which is no longer offered on a regular basis in our curriculum.

b) Approved Courses: COMS 308: Small Group Communication is an approved course in the curriculum.

c) Course Array: Current core courses are COMS 106, COMS 286, COMS 386, COMS 486. With the proposed change, the core courses will be COMS 106, COMS 286, COMS 308, COMS 486

d) Minutes: Approval was given 10/6/17 – see attached minutes.