November 7, 2017

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: UWRIF Faculty Senate Motion 2017-18/42

The following motion was approved unanimously, with 19 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, by the Faculty Senate on November 1, 2017:

Motion from Academic Programs and Policy Committee (Mialisa Moline, interim chair) to approve proposed program change: revisions to the Women's and Gender Studies program (attached).

Approved

Disapproved

Dean Van Galen, Chancellor
1/13/17
Date
**UWRF - Program Change Transmittal Form**

Instructions. In a separate document: a) include a rationale for the requested changes or new program, b) clarify which courses have not been approved, c) include a listing of course array for the current as well as the proposed program, d) include minutes from the department meeting where the requested changes were approved. On the addendum to this form: a) include signatures from all department chairs and deans whose programs will be affected by the proposal, b) secure all signatures prior to review by all other shared governance levels.

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- Have all courses been approved? Yes
- Requested changes (select all that apply):
  - ☑ Credits change
  - ☑ Curriculum change
  - ☐ Change in major
  - ☐ Change in minor
  - ☐ Change in option/emphasis
  - ☐ Other

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## UWRF - Program Change Transmittal Form - Addendum

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Proposed Program Changes to the Women’s and Gender Studies (WGST) Minor

Rationale for proposed program change:

Due to the curriculum changes at the University that have made obtaining a minor an option rather than a requirement for students, we would like to make the Women’s and Gender Studies (WGST) as flexible as possible in order to continue to recruit students to the minor. We are suggesting two main changes to the minor. The first change is that we are decreasing the number of credits from 24 to 21. Currently 21 is the minimum number of credits on our campus for a minor and we feel that taking this number of credits will still give students a depth and breadth of knowledge in WGST. Additionally, almost all of the other UW schools have WGST minors with a comparable number of credits:

- UW Milwaukee 18 credits
- UW Green Bay 18 credits
- UW Eau Claire 19 credits
- UW Stout 18 credits
- UW La Crosse 21 credits
- UW Whitewater 21 credits
- UW Oshkosh 21 credits
- UW Stevens Point 22 credits

The second change we are proposing in order to make the minor more flexible for students is to make the independent study/directed study (WGST 379 / 499) requirement optional. We will continue to encourage these courses through advising, but will not require them, thus making the minor more flexible, and hopefully more appealing for students.

Directed elective changes due to curricular changes (all additions have been previously approved):

Courses Dropped from the minor:
WGST/ETHN 480
WGST/ENGL 235
WGST/HIST 305
WGST/POLS 354

Courses Added to the minor:
WGST/CRIM 351

Additional Course Changes:
CSTA is now COMS
WGST 350 name change to: Introduction to LGBTQ+: Genders and Sexualities (from Introduction to LGBTQ Studies)
Proposed WGST Minor Requirements:
21 credits required for the minor

CORE CLASS – required for all minors (3 credits)

WGST 200: Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies (d)

DIRECTED ELECTIVES—(18 credits)

Please choose from any WGST course not fulfilling the core requirement (co-listed and stand alone)

WGST 289: Special Topics in Women’s and Gender Studies
WGST 350: Introduction to LGBTQ+: Genders and Sexualities (d)
WGST 379: Internship in Women’s and Gender Studies
WGST 389: Special Topics in Women’s and Gender Studies
WGST 499: Directed Study

WGST/ART 321: Gender and Art
WGST/COMS 206: Family Communication
WGST/COMS 440: Gender Communication
WGST/CRIM 351: Women, Crime and Justice
WGST/ENGL 214: Women’s Literature (g)
WGST/ENGL 215: LGBTQ Literature
WGST/FILM/ENGL 300: Women, Film, & Society (md)
WGST/ENGL 443: Am. Ethnic Women Authors

WGST/HIST 205: Women’s History: US
WGST/HIST 303: Women’s History: Europe
WGST/PHYS 320: Gender Issues in Science (md)
WGST/POLS 314: Women and Politics

WGST/PSYC 225: Psychology of Gender
WGST/PSYC 375: Psychology of Human Sexuality

WGST/SOCI/ANTH 331: Global Perspectives on Women
WGST/SOCI 342: Sociology of Family
WGST/SOCI 326: Sociology of Gender Roles
Current WGST Minor Requirements:

24 Credits required for the minor

CORE CLASSES—required for all minors (6 credits)

WGST 200 (d): Introduction to Women’s Studies (3)

One of the following (3):
WGST 379: Internship in Women’s and Gender Studies (3 credits)
WGST 499: Women’s and Gender Studies: Directed Study (3 credits)
(If both 379 and 499 are taken, one of them may count toward directed electives)

DIRECTED ELECTIVES—(18 credits)
Please choose from any WGST course not fulfilling core requirements (co-listed or stand alone)

WGST 289: Special Topics in Women’s and Gender Studies
WGST 389: Special Topics in Women’s and Gender Studies
WGST 320: Gender Issues in Science (md)
WGST 350: Introduction to LGBTQ Studies
WGST 379: Internship in Women’s and Gender Studies
(if not taken as a core course)
WGST 499: Directed Study
(if not taken as a core course)

WGST/ART 321: Gender and Art

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WGST/ENGL 443: Am. Ethnic Women Authors

WGST/ETHN 480: Seminar in Ethnicity and Gender

WGST/HIST 205: Women’s History: US
WGST/HIST 303: Women’s History: Europe
WGST/HIST 305: Women’s History: Global

WGST/POLS 314: Women and Politics
WGST/POLS 354: Women and the Law
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Women's and Gender Studies Meeting
Agenda for March 6, 2017
3:00 pm, Centennial Science Rm 165

Present: Melanie Ayres, Travis Tubre, Davida Alperin

Announcements / Info:
- 4W Summit on Women, Gender and Well-being (in Madison) April 27-29
- Fall WGST courses:
  o WGST 200 Intro to WGST
  o POLS/WGST 314 Women & Politics
  o CRIM/WGST 351 Women, Crime & Justice

Items to discuss:
- Changes to WGST minor
  o Reduce the overall credits to 21, eliminate the 379/499 requirement

  Motion to approve WGST minor changes (Alperin, Tubre). Passed unanimously.

- Campus WGST events
  o Women’s history month (March) – see additional handout for details
  o Girls in Science, April 1
  o Lydecker series – Duchess Harris April 19th 6 pm North Hall auditorium
- Update WGST flyer
- National Conference for College Women Student Leaders

Future Items:
- Continued discussion of possible WGST certificate
Hi Mialisa, Here is the email Marshall sent me concerning the withdrawal of WGST/ENGL 235.

Melanie

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From: Marshall Toman
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2016 3:20 PM
To: Melanie Ayres
Subject: Re: WGST/ENGL courses

WGST 214 / ENGL 214 Women in Literature Michelle Parkinson and Jenny Brantley
WGST 215 / ENGL 215 LGBTQ Literature Greta Gaard
WGST 235 / ENGL 235 American Autobiography Withdrawn from the curriculum.
WGST 300 / ENGL 300 Women, Film, and Society Rebecca Raham and Rellen Hardtke
WGST 443 / ENGL 443 American Ethnic Women Authors No one now, but Jenny Brantley wishes to teach it.

😊

Marshall

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Marshall Toman, Professor
Chair, Department of English, TESOL, and Modern Languages
Coordinator, TESOL M.A. Program
Campus Fulbright Representative
245 KFA
University of Wisconsin—River Falls
410 South Third Street
River Falls, WI 54022-5001
715-425-3537
715-425-0657 (fax)
To: Marshall Toman  
Subject: WGST/ENGL courses

Hi Marshall,

I know that Greta teaches LBGTQ Lit and Rellen and one of your adjuncts are working on Women, Film & Society, but can you tell me who usually teaches the other WGST/ENGL courses?

Thanks,
Melanie

WGST 214 / ENGL 214 Women in Literature  
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Hi Mialisa,

Here is the email from Zhiguo concerning HIST/WGST 305.

Thanks,
Melanie

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From: Zhiguo Yang
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2017 8:58 PM
To: Melanie Ayres
Subject: Re: HIST/WGST courses

Hello Melanie,

HIST 305 has been discontinued, but both HIST 205 and HIST 303 are active courses even though none of the current history faculty can teach HIST 205. As for HIST 303, Victoria Houseman taught it once about ten years ago and may do it again if offered the opportunity.

Best,

Zhiguo

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From: Melanie Ayres
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2017 2:21:19 PM
To: Zhiguo Yang
Subject: HIST/WGST courses

Hi Zhiguo,

I'm updating the WGST minor and want to make sure all our cross-listed courses are updated as well. Can you tell me about the status of the following courses (cross-listed in History and Women's and Gender Studies)?
WGST/HIST 205: Women’s History: US
WGST/HIST 303: Women’s History: Europe
WGST/HIST 305: Women’s History: Global

Are all of these courses still active courses? If so, how frequently (if at all) are they taught?

Thank you,
Melanie

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Hi again,

I was trying to track down info on POLS 354/WGST 354. I don't have confirmation from Neil but I do have this email from Davida saying that POLS 354 has not been offered for a long time. My understanding is this class is also cross-listed as BLAW 354 and it's set as "inactive" in eSIS.

Hopefully this is enough justification for us taking it off. I have notified Neil Krauss as well to let him know we'll be taking it off our elective list.

Thanks,
Melanie

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Ok, great. Thanks for the info.

Melanie

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From: Davida Alperin
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2017 12:20:34 PM
To: Melanie Ayres  
Subject: Re: POLS 354

No, it was taught by Susie Rogers in Business, but she has retired. she also taught Business law and was a lawyer. The business school though didn't have her able to teach it for a long time.

Sent from my iPad

On May 3, 2017, at 10:48 AM, Melanie Ayres <melanie.ayres@uwrf.edu> wrote:

Hi Davida,

I meant to ask you at the meeting. Is POLS 354 (Women and the Law) still taught in your department? I know you do 314, but I noticed that 354 is also cross-listed and wondered if this was still an active class.

Thanks,
Melanie

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Hi Mialisa,

Here's the email I sent Neil concerning POLS/WGST 354.

Melanie

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Hi Neil,

I just realized I talked informally to Davida about POLS/WGST 354 but not formally to you. Is this course still active in POLS? Given Davida told me it's no longer being taught I'm planning to take it off the directed electives for WGST, but wanted to check in with you about that in case things had changed.

Thanks!
Melanie

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Hi Mialisa,

Just sending this along to confirm the suspension of POLS/WGST 354.

Thanks,
Melanie

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From: Neil Kraus
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 12:46:12 PM
To: Melanie Ayres
Subject: Re: POLS/WGST 354

Melanie:
Yes, that course was suspended.
Thanks,
Neil

From: Melanie Ayres
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 10:37:23 AM
To: Neil Kraus
Subject: POLS/WGST 354

Hi Neil,

I just realized I talked informally to Davida about POLS/WGST 354 but not formally to you. Is this course still active in POLS? Given Davida told me it's no longer being taught I'm planning to take it off the directed electives for WGST, but wanted to check in with you about that in case things had changed.

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