New York City College of Technology

Interdisciplinary Committee

Change of Interdisciplinary Format Form for an Existing Course

(or designated section of an existing ID course)

DATE: 2/8/2022

COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE: COM 2403ID Interdisciplinary Health Communication

CREDIT HOURS: 3

CURRENT COURSE DESIGNATION: x College Option 🞏Elective 🞏Capstone 🞏Other

DEPARTMENT HOUSED IN: Humanities

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

The interdisciplinary study and practice of communication in healthcare and public health. Topics include provider-patient interaction, team communication, and the diffusion of health information through public health campaigns. Students practice clear, purposeful and compassionate communication across multiple channels, to reduce errors and improve healthcare delivery.

The minimum technological requirements for fully online sections of this course are a working camera and microphone. Students are expected to turn on cameras and microphones at their instructor's request.

CURRENT STRUCTURE: Guest lecturer

NUMBER OF SECTIONS CURRENTLY OFFERED: Fall semester 3 Spring semester 2

CHANGE OF INSTRUCTOR: x Yes No

CHANGE IN INSTRUCTOR’S DEPARTMENT/DISCIPLINE: x Yes No

CHANGE IN GUEST LECTURER(S): x Yes No

Are one or more guest lecturers from a different discipline than originally proposed? No.

IF CO-TAUGHT, CURRENT CREDIT DISTRIBUTION:

PROPOSED CHANGE IN INTERDISCIPINARY FORMAT: N/A

**From:** 🞏Guest lecturers \_\_ minimum 20% \_\_other % 🞏Co-taught 🞏Shared credits 🞏Learning Community In person or hybrid

**To:** 🞏Guest lecturers\_\_\_ minimum 20% \_\_other % 🞏Co-taught 🞏Shared credits 🞏Learning community Fully online

PROPOSED BY: David Lee

If co taught: Names of those co-teaching: N/A

Briefly explain reasoning for changing the format of the currently offered sections, or if new sections of the course are being offered for the first time, explain briefly the rationale for the change in format and attach your syllabus.

The original proposer/ instructor of COM 2403ID Health Communication, David Lee, was assigned to teach other classes in the Health Communication major. Two sections of COM 2403ID are assigned to adjuncts in Spring 2022. This form is to note a change in instructor and guest lecturers. Dr. Delia Williams-Gunpot (PhD in Health Education from Columbia, circa 2021) will be teaching the course.

The 20% guest lecturer model is still in place. In addition to a change in instructor, there is also a change in guest lecturers from the original 2019 ID course proposal. Margaret Rafferty and Emma Kontzamanis will represent the nursing discipline.

As mentioned in the original ID proposal, health communication is an inherently interdisciplinary subject. Lee reviewed the syllabus of Prof. Williams-Gunpot and attests that the subject matter of the course is very similar to the ID course as originally proposed. The textbook is the same, as is the overall 20% guest lecture structure, guest lecture topics, and interdisciplinary focus. Although the guest lecturers are from a single discipline, rather than a few different disciplines, the ID learning outcomes will still be met. Students will still attain greater understanding as expressed in the ID learning outcomes, such as recognizing varied perspectives, synthesizing knowledge across disciplinary boundaries, gaining comfort with complexity and uncertainty, and others.