Background

The WSU Registrar received a Major Curricular Change for a new course on June 11, 2014. NURS 596 is a 3-credit course.

Reviewer Comments

**Rationale**

* The course rationale is that NURS 596 builds on the science and epistemology of two previous courses (NURS 526 and NURS 535).

**Syllabus**

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| Logistics |  |  |
|  | Instructor contact information | 🗹 |
|  | Course Prefix and number, title, number of credits, pre-requisites | 🗹 |
|  | Meeting schedules and times and building/rooms | 🗹 |
|  | List of required and recommended reading materials | 🗹 |
| Content |  |  |
|  | Student learning outcomes and method for assessing | 🗹 |
|  | Week to week course outline | 🗹 |
|  | Descriptions of required assignments | 🗹 |
| Grading  |  |  |
|  | Relative weighting of required assignments | 🗹 |
|  | Penalties for late assignments | 🗹 |
|  | Grading criteria | 🗹 |
|  | Composition of midterm and final grades | 🗹 |
|  | Attendance or participation policies | 🗹 |
| Policy |  |  |
|  | Accommodating students with disabilities | 🗹 |
|  | Campus safety plan statement | 🗹 |
|  | Academic integrity | 🗹 |

* Assignments are presented in great detail and include the process for completion as well as a break down for scoring. There is some confusion between points and percent in the final table, but it appears as though these are equivalent (e.g. each course point corresponds to a percent point for a total of 100)
* The class presents itself as a seminar and shows a meeting place on the front page; however, the overwhelming majority of the course appears to be online. This is potentially misleading, and so the reviewers suggest a statement about the course structure in the course description so that students know what type of learning atmosphere this course offers.
* The course requires an assignment/presentation on Tegrity; thus, the reviewers suggest including links to the tutorials provided by WSU Online / Global Campus on how to use Tegrity.
* The Major Curriculum Change Form indicates the course will be offered in the Fall of 2015, but the schedule is structured around the Spring term.
* The course is also structured around Angel as the primary learning method. This should be changed to Blackboard for Fall 2015. There may be compatibility issues for using programs such as Tegrity

**Reviewer’s Final Assessment**

* The course is thoroughly detailed in regards to student and faculty expectations.
* The course appears to be well constructed.
* The revisions mentioned above are minor and would be part of regular course updating.
* This course will contribute positively to the graduate student experience at WSU.

The Motions

* We move to approve NURS 596 as presented.