

Minutes

CALS & L&S Curriculum Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 28th, 2017, 1:00 p.m.
260 Bascom Hall

Voting Members Present: Albrecht, Balster, Barack-Cunningham, Engels, Gould, Lenertz-Lindemer, Turnquist

Voting Members Absent: Choi, Reaves, Runde

Non-Voting Members Present: Klatt, Grill, L&S Curriculum Committee

Guest: Donna Fernandez, L&S Biology Major Co- Chair

INTRODUCTIONS

ACTION ITEMS

1. Biocore in Biology Major Introductory Biology Requirement – effective fall 2016

Motion to Approve; Gould, Albrecht

- Currently there is a mismatch of credits counting towards the Introductory Biology Requirement for students pursuing the Biocore track and those who are not
- Under the proposed changes Biocore track students would use 13 credits towards the Introductory Biology Requirement and would not be required to take an additional 3 credits of Foundation
- Non Biocore Track students will use 10 credits towards Introductory Biology and will take an additional 3 credit Foundational course
- The deeply integrated Biocore curriculum makes it difficult to sort out which course are introductory and which are advanced
- The changes should be a benefit for students because they will allow for more flexibility in meeting requirements
- Historically, Biocore is a 4 semester track but the proposal would allow for an off ramp after 3 first semesters
- Question from the committee about whether there is anticipated increase in enrollment due to the changes and ability to opt out after 3 semesters
 - Entrance into Biocore is by application and increased enrollment is not anticipated
- L&S and CALS DARS encoders have reviewed the plan and can confirm that it is encodeable
- The changes will be effective for Fall 2017

Vote: 6-approved 0-denied 0-abstained

Action: Approve