

# Minutes

CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, March 29, 2016, 11:45 a.m.  
113 Taylor Hall

**Voting Members Present:** Gould, Albrecht, Choi, Lenertz-Lindemer, Hartemink, Turnquist

**Voting Members Absent:** Barak-Cunningham, Jull, Zilberg

**Non-Voting Members Present:** Bollig, Grill

Meeting Commenced at 11:46

## MINUTES

Review meeting minutes from March 8, 2016

Motion to approve: Albrecht; Choi Vote: 5-approved 0-denied 1-abstained

**Action: Approve**

## COURSE PROPOSALS

**691 Forest & Wildlife Ecology** Senior Thesis – new course; effective Fall 2016-2017

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**LEAD: Albrecht**

- Question about how the Forest and Wildlife Ecology 691, 692 differs from the Forest and Wildlife Ecology 699 research experience and what qualifies it as unique from the research course
- Course proposals stemmed from 2014 review of standard course numbers across CALS which resulted in recommendation that all departments create courses to differentiate between research courses and senior thesis courses
- Forest and Wildlife Ecology Department is the first to attempt to standardize course numbers in order to be consistent across campus
- Concern that instructor will have the capability to provide individual intention to student's thesis project
- Offering of 691, 692 courses will be at the discretion of departments
- Question about whether or not "senior thesis" is the appropriate title with suggestion that the course be titled "undergrad thesis"
- Suggestion that departments provide more justification about the difference of 699 and 691, 692
- Senior Thesis will be recognized on students transcript

Motion to approve: Turnquist; Lenertz-Lindemer Vote: 6-approved-0-denied 0-abstained

**Action: Approved**

**376 Horticulture** Tropical Horticultural Systems-new course; effective Fall 2016-2017  
**LEAD: Turnquist**

- Question about whether it is appropriate to offer the course as 1 credit for an hour and half lecture as this exceeds the minimum required for a 1 credit lecture
- Course does not meet minimum required for a 2 credit course making the 1 credit designation appropriate
- Concern about potential duplication with existing Agronomy course
- Agronomy had opportunity to weigh in regarding potential duplication and did not express any concerns

Motion to approve: Turnquist; Hartemink Vote: 6-approved 0-denied 0-abstained

**Action: Approve**

**378 Horticulture** Tropical Horticultural Systems International Field Study —new course; effective Fall 2016-2017

**LEAD: Turnquist**

- Concern that a due date for final reflection paper and video project is not indicated in the syllabus
- Concern that the word Horticulture in the title is not appropriate due to the nature of the locations visited during the trip
- Agriculture may be a more accurate term to describe the course
- AA will provide feedback to Instructor to add the due date as well as suggestions from the committee regarding the use of the word Horticulture in the title and description before approving either course

Motion to table: Hartemink; Albrecht

**Action: AA to follow up with Instructor**

**020 FISC** Introduction to Plant Science—new course; effective Fall 2017-2018

**LEAD: Choi**

- Remove portion of proposal related to implication of prerequisites
- Provide feedback to remove slash in grading scale

**021 FISC** Agriculture Sales –new course; effective Fall 2017-2018

**LEAD: Choi**

- Courses with a sub 100 level number will not be available to Undergrads
- Instructors of FISC courses meet the requirements of the draft policy for teaching courses
- Instructors are qualified to teach a pre baccalaureate course as long they have a Bachelor's degree or higher
- Course is approved by committee with no reflection on the instructor

Motion to approve: Choi; Hartemink Vote: 6- approved 0-denied 0-abstained

**Action: Approved**

**104 FISC** Grain Crops Production and Management--new course; effective Fall 2017-2018

**LEAD: Lenertz-Lindemer**

Motion to approve: Lenertz-Lindemer; Choi Vote: 6-approved 0-denied 0-abstained

**Action: Approve**

\* indicates proposal is returning to the Curriculum Committee for additional review

**023 FISC** Safe and Effective Uses of Pesticides in Agronomic Crops—new course; effective Fall 2017-2018

**LEAD: Lenertz-Lindemer**

- Ask that a CV included for PJ Liesch

Motion to approve: Lenertz-Lindemer; Turnquist Vote: 6-approved 0-denied 0-abstained

**Action: Approve**

**133 FISC** Soil & Crop Nutrient Management—new course; effective Fall 2017-2018

**LEAD: Lenertz-Lindemer**

- Question regarding the amount of Undergrads students who will be allowed to enroll in the course
- Undergrads are currently not allowed to enroll in the course due to a lack of a mechanism to collect tuition from Undergrad students
- Primary function of 100 level course designation is to allow students who take the course as part of the FISC certificate to receive credit towards an Undergrad degree
- Concern that 133 have prerequisite of admittance to the FISC program as well as successful Intro to Soil Science 057

Motion to table: Gould; Lenertz-Lindemer

**Action: Table**

Meeting adjourned 12:45 pm