

Minutes

CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 12:00 p.m.
216 Russell Labs

Voting Members Present: Barak, Engels, Gould, Albrecht, Anderson, Paustian, Ingebriksen,

Non-Voting Members Present: Bollig, Garvens

Guests: Karen Wassarman, Kelley Harris, Guanming Shi

Meeting called to order at 12:00pm

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Review meeting minutes from February 27, 2018

Item 1 approved by consent

ACTION ITEMS

2. Request for CALS Capstone additions for Biology Major
 - Biology is the largest major in CALS, and it can be challenging to identify enough capstone experiences because many are specific/exclusive to other majors & aren't open to biology majors and/or have specific pre-requisites that Biology majors wouldn't have.
 - Biology-specific capstones would be very challenging due to program versus department structure and lack of faculty.
 - Previous attempts to pass a permanent solution were denied, so a temporary extension was allowed because there was a concern that the courses didn't meet all of the criteria for capstone.
 - Of 10 capstone approved courses for the Biology major, none are taught by CALS faculty/departments.
 - Students appear to prefer approved group instruction courses over the option of completing independent study to satisfy the capstone requirement.
 - **Move to extend approval to allow BOTANY 460 and ENVIR ST 511 to satisfy Biology capstone for 2 years, through Summer 2020:** Albrecht, Gould
 - **Suggestion:** Program work with faculty to create new course in CALS that meets the biology capstone requirement, with guidance from CALS Curriculum Committee via chair, Jeri Barak
 - **Vote:** 6 approved -0 denied -0 abstained
3. ***722 A A E** Machine Learning in Economic Analysis – new course; effective Summer 2018
 - **Move to approve:** Paustian, Ingebriksen
 - **Vote:** 5 approved -0 denied -1 abstained
4. ***723 A A E** Professional Development Seminar – new course; effective Summer 2018
 - Learning outcomes were slightly modified to be measurable, assignments were added, as well as a rubric for the oral presentation, and there were specific examples of how assignments align with the learning outcomes
 - **Move to approve:** Gould, Paustian
 - **Vote:** 4 approved -0 denied -1 abstained
5. ***724 A A E** Practicum for Applied Economics – new course; effective Summer 2018
 - Concern that the biggest issues were not addressed and that the course is still inconsistent in how it is set up and how it would play out over the course of the semester
 - Department representative spoke in regards to some of those concerns and explained how the course would work: students will work with different topics within a data set, but each student within the data set will have a different research objective/question
 - **Move to deny:** Engels (move failed due to no second)
 - **Move to approve:** Paustian, Albrecht
 - **Move to amend** by requesting clarity in the syllabus regarding group work vs. individual work and how it is applied towards the overall grade: Engels, Paustian
 - **Vote to approve amendment:** 4-0-2
 - **Vote on amended motion:** 4 approved -1 denied -1 abstained

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

10. Requisite Amnesty Project Update

- Overview and reminder of Requisite Amnesty Project
- Effective Fall 2015, all courses that come through the proposal system are required to have enforceable requisites
- CALS has been working to ensure that all courses in the system have enforceable requisites because at some point, all requisites will be enforced, no matter what they are, so they need to be accurate and what is truly needed from the student in order for them to be successful in the course
- Departments who want to work on this now can request a list of courses and requisites, and a department representative can go through them to make sure that they are enforceable
- Two departments are done and have come through curriculum committee on consent
- There are a few other departments that are in-progress at this time
- This is voluntary, but departments are encouraged to do it because it will make life easier for department, instructors, curricular representative, and students, so there is incentive to get it done

Meeting adjourned at 1:05pm