

# Minutes

CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, October 8, 2019, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.  
253 Soils Hall

**Voting Members Present:** Balster, Goldman, Holden, Kucharik, Courtenay, Wattiaux

**Voting Members Absent:** Anderson

**Student Member:** Mui

**CALS Ex Officio:** Ackerman-Yost, Barber

## CONSENT AGENDA

Meeting called to order at 1:00pm

1. Review meeting minutes from September 24, 2019 Balster 1:30-1:35pm
2. **Course Deactivation:**  
**LSC 431** – Advertising in the Life Sciences  
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=6917>

Items 1 and 2 approved by consent

## ACTION ITEMS

### NEW COURSES

3. **HORT 330** – Wines and Vines of the World Wattiaux 1:35-1:45pm  
Effective Summer 2020  
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=13086>

Motion to approve course proposal: Wattiaux/Holden

Discussion: Credit hour criteria reviewed. 2-credit course. 6 hours of lecture + 2 hours of out-of-class work each week for the 8-week session does not align with federal credit hour requirements. Final term paper was brief. Description of paper and length were a concern. Syllabus needed more detail regarding how often students would be evaluated on participation. Additionally, it wasn't clear how the points listed, particularly for participation and the paper, would be converted to the grade weighting. Committee wanted clarification on how participation and discussion would be evaluated in a 100-person lecture, and what the expectation of the course would be for more reserved and reflective students. Requisites do not include 21 year old age requirement., but that is appropriate way to list that per APIR. Need to update course description with age requirement.

Vote: 0-6-0

Motion to approve pending credit hour, age, and grading clarification: Wattiaux/Kucharik

Vote: 6-0-0

4. **SOIL SCI 330** – Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) and Field Safety Training Kucharik 1:45-1:55pm

Effective Spring 2021

<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=12921>

Overview: This is second time committee has reviewed this proposal. The proposal now provides more details about the readings. The grading has been improved and simplified. The course learning outcomes are at undergraduate level. There are no requisits, and the grad attribute has been removed. The course is essentially undergraduate level work but for graduate students. Therefore learning outcomes are appropriate.

Confusion: course learning outcomes for undergrads, no requisits, no grad attribute

Motion to approve: Kucharik/Courtenay

Discussion: none

Vote: 6-0-0, accepted

5. **AAE 352** – Global Health: Economics, Natural Systems, and Policy Anderson 1:20-1:30pm  
Effective Summer 2020

<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=13046>

Motion to table review to next meeting: Balster/Wattiaux

Vote: 6-0-0, approved

6. **NUTR SCI 379** – Introduction to Epidemiology Holden 1:10-1:20pm  
Effective Summer 2020

<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=12981>

Move to approve: Holden/Goodwin

Discussion: This is second time committee has reviewed this proposal. Instructor responded to all committee concerns. Proposal is strong and appropriate.

Vote at approve: 6-0-0, accepted

7. **PL PATH/ZOOLOGY 154** – Tiny Earth: Antibiotic Discovery Research Balster 1:55-2:10pm  
Effective Fall 2020

<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=12492>

Motion to roll back: Balster/Holden

Discussion: This is a companion course to Biology 152. Biology 152 requires a large paper and research project. Many students do a 299 or 699 to fulfill the requirement, or a meta analysis. This group instruction course creates a large lab opportunity for 25 students who cannot find an independent lab. Assessment and grading has not been differentiated from Biology 152. Course cannot be graded on participation solely. Zoology accepted cross-listing. Biology declined to cross-list because the cross-list function is meant to serve a limited scope of bio courses based on the history of moving the bio subject listing to Zoology. Biology 152 and IBio instructors are co-creators of this proposed course and have provide support. May be appropriate to have another body to review proposal. Deadlines for independent project in bio are changing.

Requirements of graded work in 299s and 699s varies grading determined by PI. Faculty are encouraged to provide feedback on Bio 152 final paper.

Course is currently being offered as a topics course.

Vote to roll back: 5-0-1, approved

#### OTHER ACTION ITEMS

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| 8. International Studies applications – three courses | Balster | 1:55-2:05pm |
| a. INTL BUS 200                                       |         |             |
| b. INTL ST 523  |         |             |
| c. GENETICS 133                                       |         |             |

Discussion:

Intl St 523 – internship course; independent appeals process to use to accept as course that fulfills international studies requirement.

Intl Bus 200 – Application not complete. Explored whether an incomplete application has been received in the past. It was determined that an incomplete application has not been submitted before.

Genetics 133 – application indicates content covered, permanent course offering does not require international content

Motion to not move forward for further consideration for IS requirement: Balster/Goldman

Vote to not accept Genetics 133, Intl St 523, and Intl Bus 200 as part of IS application review: 6-0-0

#### INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

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| 9. International Studies Courses        | Balster | 2:10-2:30pm |
| a. Reminder of Requirements             |         |             |
| b. Division of labor/schedule of review |         |             |

Nine remaining course applications to review. Each person assigned three to review. Each course will be reviewed by at least two members. Proposals vary. Several are not CALS courses so will take more work to piece how the courses map to CALS requirements. Megan made a template with Excel IS course evaluation. Each committee member has a tab. Rating scale: 0 = does not meet requirement, 1 = meets some requirements, 2 = meets all requirements. Please review CALS priority themes. Find documents in Box.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15pm