Minutes
CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 11, 2020, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
253 Soils Hall

Voting Members Present: Balster, Wattiaux, Goldman, Holden, Kucharik, Anderson
Student Member: Dolma
Ex Officio: Barber, Ackerman-Yost

Meeting started 1:00pm.

Welcome to Sonam!

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Review meeting minutes from January 28, 2020. Balster 1:00-1:05pm
2. Course change: lowering level of course from above 700-level to 600-level graduate/undergraduate course
   POP HLTH/GENETICS/MD GENET 636: Public Health Genomics
   Effective Spring 2021
   https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=7450

Items 1 and 2 above approved by consent.

ACTION ITEMS

1. New course Anderson 1:05-1:15pm
   BIOCHEM 924 – Membrane Protein Structure and Function
   Effective Spring 2021
   https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=12155

Motion to approve: Anderson/Kucharik

Description: Updated grading rubrics and readings provided to address previous concerns.

Vote: 5-0-1

1. REVISIT FROM 12/10/2019, 12/28/2019 Kucharik 1:15-1:25pm
   Course change: 1 to 2-3 credits, title change, course description
   GENETICS 522: Communicating Evolutionary Biology
   Effective Fall 2020
   https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=4658

Motion to approve: Kucharik/Goldman

Description: Updated grading and other information in syllabus, along with a narrative, provided to address previous concerns.
Vote: 6-0-0

2. **REVISIT FROM 12/28/2019** 1:25-1:35pm
   Genetics and Genomics capstone request: GENETICS 522
   Information is attached to course proposal (linked above)

   Motion to accept as capstone: Goldman/Balster

   Discussion: Updated syllabus and narrative information provided to address previous concerns. Committee discussed the fit of this course to the Genetics and Genomics program but took into account that the departmental curriculum committee approved the course as a capstone. Committee is a bit concerned that this course may not be as learner-centered as is a best practice for capstone courses.

   Vote: 5-0-1

3. **Topics Course Policy** Ackerman-Yost 1:35-2:30pm

   Motion to approve: Balster/Goldman

   Discussion: The policy doesn’t have details about how it will be rolled out, so the length of time departments have to come into compliance should be communicated in a cover letter or other details. The committee also discussed the practice of CALS that topics courses be 375, 675, and 875, but that there are certain courses within CALS that don’t follow that convention. Megan indicated that this may be part of the “Clean-up” process during the implementation phase – providing departments with an opportunity to update a course currently designated as a Topics course to a non-topics course.

   Vote: 6-0-0

   **INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

   Feb 28th is the joint CALS/L&S Curriculum Committee meeting. If anyone has any topics, they should let Megan know.