Minutes
CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 26, 2021, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Voting members present: Courtenay, Goldman, Kucharik, Ney, Van Pijkeren, Vermillion Kalmon, Wattiaux
Student Members present: Mui
Absent: Holden, Rossman
Ex Officio: Barber, Ackerman-Yost
Minutes Taken by: Arnfelt

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Review meeting minutes from January 11 and 12, 2021  Goldman  1:00p

2. De-activated courses, effective Fall 2021
   a. AN SCI 220: [https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=411](https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=411)
   b. AN SCI 221: [https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=412](https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=412)
   c. AN SCI 250: [https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=413](https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=413)
   d. AN SCI 430: [https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=433](https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=433)
   e. AN SCI 433: [https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=436](https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=436)
   f. AN SCI 444: [https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=439](https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=439)

Item 1 and 2 approved by consent.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Program Changes: Changes to Honors in the Major requirements  Goldman/Wattiaux  1:05p
   Microbiology, BS
   Effective Fall 2021
   [https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=48](https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=48)

Motion to approve (Goldman, Wattiaux)

Discussion: The committee discussed how the elective list would be changed with updated and new courses. With these changes, the two versions of the major (L&S and CALS) will have more similar requirements for Honors in the Major. Also, this change supports the Microbiology and Biochemistry Hub, since the updated requirements better with the Biochemistry Honors in Major.

Vote 7-0-0

2. Program Changes: admissions requirement changes  Kucharik/Goldman  1:15p
   Certificate in Global Health
   Effective Fall 2021
   [https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=191](https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=191)

Motion to approve (Kucharik, Goldman)
Discussion: The committee discussed removing declaration requirements to complete a core course so this would help draw in a younger population. The certificate is mostly junior and seniors so this change would allow more students to declare at an earlier stage in their academic career. There is also a change to have all certificate courses require a “C” grade instead of an overall GPA requirement. This includes elective courses in the certificate.

Vote 6-0-1

3. Program Changes: Change to Core course  
   Holden/Van Pijkeren 1:25p  
   Global Health, BS  
   Effective Fall 2021  
   https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=1079

Motion to approve (Van Pijkeren, Goldman)

Discussion: The program proposes to replace an existing core course with a course that was just approved (Micro 345). The committee discussed that this was straightforward and had no issues with these changes.

Vote 6-1-0

4. Re-review: New Course  
   Wattiaux/Ney 1:35p  
   PL PATH/A A E/AGRONOMY/HORT 367:  
   Introduction to Organic Agriculture: Production, Markets, and Policy  
   Effective Fall 2021  
   https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=14033

Motion to approve (Wattiaux, Ney)

Discussion: The committee discussed that they are in support of this course. There were changes from the previous time this committee saw the proposal. The schedule of the course was laid out and the alignment of the assignments were covered. The committee provided some suggestions on the syllabus.

Vote 7-0-0

5. Re-review: New Course  
   Courtenay/Kucharik 1:45p  
   SOIL SCI 211 – Soils and Climate Change  
   Effective Summer 2021  
   https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=14014

Motion to approve (Courtenay, Kucharik)

Discussion: The committee discussed the updates made to the proposal and were in support of those changes. The committee wanted to see the connection between weekly topics and readings, which was provided.

Vote 7-0-0
6. Re-review: New Course

**SOIL SCI 585** – Using R for Soil and Environmental Sciences
Effective Summer 2021
https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=14122

Motion to approve with suggestions (Vermillion Kalmon, Goldman)

Discussion: The committee is in support of this new course. The proposal was updated to incorporate the committee’s requirements. The committee noted that optional suggestions for improvement were not incorporated.

Vote 7-0-0

7. Course change: add grad attribute, update description, Removing lab (decreasing credits)

**AGRONOMY 340 / BOTANY 340 / HORT 340**: Plant Cell Culture and Genetic Engineering
Effective Fall 2021
https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=341

Motion to approve (Courtenay, Vermillion Kalmon)

Discussion: The committee is supportive of these changes. There was a concern of removing the lab component due to COVID reasons, but a committee member familiar with the course indicated that COVID is not the only reason for removing the lab from this course. Enrollment is a struggle for this course, so dropping the lab would help increase enrollment caps, as well as decreasing the credits to 3 credits. This course is currently being offered as a 375 course this semester as a 3-credit lecture. The committee noted that a guideline what is expected for graduate students for the paper could be helpful.

Vote 6-1-0

**INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Named Option Suspension and Discontinuation

   **Resource and Energy Demand Analysis** in the Agricultural and Applied Economics, MS
   Effective Summer 2021
   https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=2

   Discussion: The named option Resource and Energy Demand Analysis will be discontinued in the AAE program. The last student should be graduating this summer.

2. CALS Teaching and Advising Awards

   a. [Spitzer Excellence in Teaching Award](#)
   b. [WALSAA Outstanding Advisor Award](#) (can be student-nominated)
   c. [Arthur J. and Ellen A. Maurer Extra Mile Award](#) (must be student-nominated)
Please: 1) review the award criteria; and 2) communicate the awards to students or others in your department.

Discussion: The nominations will be due in February and there will be process for this committee to review. It would be helpful to refresh your memory on each of these awards.

Meeting adjourned 2:28 pm