

Minutes

CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 23, 2021, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Voting members present: Courtenay, Goldman, Holden, Kucharik, Ney, Van Pijkeren, Vermillion Kalmon,
Wattiaux

Student Members present: Mui

Absent: Rossman

Ex Officio: Barber, Ackerman-Yost

Minutes Taken by: Arnfelt

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Review meeting minutes from March 9, 2021

Item 1 approved by consent.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **CHEM/BIOCHEM 972** – Biophysics Seminar Kucharik/Ney
Effective Fall 2021
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=14145>

Motion to deny (Kucharik, Ney)

Discussion: The committee had questions about zero credit courses. There were specific concerns about requiring work with no accompanying credit and tuition, and the purpose of offering this course as zero credits for dissertators. The committee discussed the weighting of attendance. If a student misses one class, they are heavily deducted points. The committee requested Ackerman-Yost find more information about how campus views zero-credit courses.

Motion to table this and get a few more pieces of information. Vote: 8-0-0

2. Re-review: New course Vermillion Kalmon/
Van Pijkeren
BSE 380: Introductory Data Science for the Agricultural Life Sciences
Effective Summer 2021
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=14055>

Motion to approve (Vermillion Kalmon, Van Pijkeren)

Discussion: The committee is supportive of this new course. There were some concerns the committee had last time it was reviewed, but these issues were addressed.

Vote: 8-0-0

3. Course change: updating name, description, LAS criteria, adding grad Courtenay/Holden
attribute, converting SUST attribute to permanent
LSC 435 – Brand Strategy for the Sciences
Effective Spring 2022
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=6919>

Motion to deny (Courtenay, Holden)

Discussion: The committee discussed that most of the changes of this course were supported and improved the course for students. The committee was concerned that the course does not demonstrate the sustainability attribute. The course seems to cover a lot of branding but does not cover the environmental information necessary for the sustainability attribute. The committee commented on the participation rubric to take out the seminar since this has switched to lecture.

Vote: 8-0-0

4. Course change: updating name, description, LAS criteria, adding grad attribute, removing temporary SUST attribute Wattiaux/Goldman
LSC 440 – Digital Media and Science Communication
Effective Spring 2022
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=6920>

Motion to approve (Wattiaux, Goldman)

Discussion: The committee discussed that all the changes of this course are justified. The syllabus looks good and the committee did not have any issue with this proposal.

Vote: 8-0-0

INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Program change: adjusted admissions requirements, added PLOs and assessment plan to Guide
Certificate in Cytotechnology (Special Certificate)
Effective Fall 2021
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=241>

Discussion: Students can come into the program in two different ways. Students can complete the certificate while they are completing their degree or students can complete it after having their bachelor's degree. The program is adjusting their admissions requirements based on some feedback from their accreditor. The program is also formalizing its PLOs and assessment plan.

Meeting adjourned 2:07 pm