Minutes
CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 14, 2021 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
6201 MSB

Voting members present: Forest, Goldman, Lankau, Ney, Van Pijkeren, Vermillion Kalmon, Wagner
Student Members present: Mui
Absent:
Ex Officio: Ackerman-Yost, Barber
Minutes Taken by: Arnfelt

1. Chair’s Welcome          1:00-1:20pm
   Goldman, van Pijkeren

2. Introduction & Procedures 1:20-1:35pm
   Ackerman-Yost & Chairs

3. UCC Feedback on Regular and Substantive Interaction 1:30-1:40pm
   Ackerman-Yost

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Review meeting minutes from April 27, 2021 and Summer Agenda

2. Course Deactivation
   BIOCHEM 999: Special Problems
   Effective Spring 2022
   https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=82984

3. Course Deactivation
   GENETICS/MD GENET/ZOOLOGY 562: Human Cytogenetics
   Effective Fall 2021
   https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=7441

Items 1-3 approved by consent.

ACTION ITEMS

1. New Course 1:50-2:00pm
   NUTR SCI 655 – Nutrition in Aging
   Effective Fall 2022
   van Pijkeren/Forest
   https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=14222

Motion to defer (Van Pijkeren, Forest)
Discussion: The committee was concerned about the clarity of a number of course components, including what work was expected of students and how those tasks and activities were connected to the grading for the course. The committee also requested clarity on activities discussed in the regular and substantive interaction section, particularly with the discussions. The committee noted that the table of weighted grading components did not total 100%. As collegial feedback, the committee suggested that the instructor consolidate the learning outcomes to avoid overlap where appropriate and consider including more topics related to diversity and inclusion.

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2. **New Course**
   
   **NUTR SCI 657** – Management in Dietetics  
   Goldman/Lankau  
   Effective Spring 2022  
   [https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=89266](https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=89266)

Motion to defer (Goldman, Lankau)

Discussion: The committee was concerned about the clarity of a number of course components, including what work was expected of students and how those tasks and activities were connected to the grading for the course. The committee also requested clarity on activities discussed in the regular and substantive interaction section, particularly with the discussions. The committee noted that the time allotted to topics was unclear and requested clarification. The committee discussed whether students would be familiar with the competencies listed in the syllabus; one committee member familiar with the program indicated that the list would be familiar to students.

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3. **Course change: adding Grad attribute, increasing credits**
   
   **C&E SOC/SOC 361** – Statistics for Sociologists II  
   Ney/Wagner  
   Effective Spring 2022  
   [https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=10038](https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=10038)

Motion to approve (Ney, Wagner)

Discussion: The committee discussed the work and class time required for this course, and found the increase to four credits would be an accurate reflection of the work. The course includes the appropriate requirements for the graduate attribute. The committee recommended that the department review one of the learning outcomes, as it was not specific and measurable and appeared to be evaluated through other learning outcomes. The committee supported the course changes.

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**INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. **Curriculum Committee – anticipated agenda items this year**  
   Ackerman-Yost  2:20-2:30pm

The committee was provided a brief overview of the types of items that would be reviewed this year.