

# Minutes

## CALS Curriculum Committee

March 24, 2015

Present: Perna, Jackson, Hartemink, Stanosz, Choi, Van Eyck, Lenertz-Lindemer, Pfatteicher, Gonsiska, Grill, Sottile, Xiong, Barham, Leavens

Absent: Jull, Smith, Day, Fox, Kay, Olson

Meeting commenced 12:06pm

Motion to approve minutes from Feb. 10, 2015; Hartemink, Van Eyck – passed (7 favored – 0 opposed – 0 abstained)

Motion to approve minutes from Feb. 24, 2015; Jackson, Lenertz-Lindemer – passed (7 favored – 0 opposed – 0 abstained)

- International Studies Requirement (refer to excel sheet “Copy of Submissions for March 24”)
  - Poli Sci 317 and 318 were approved at the previous meeting
  - Courses that focus on one region, such as German Politics or the Arab-Israel Conflict, do not seem “international,” however, since they meet the stated and approved criteria for an international course they fulfill the spirit of the international studies requirement in CALS
  - Motion to approve the list of courses to fulfill the international studies requirement in CALS; Van Eyck, Lenertz-Lindemer – passed (6 favored – 0 opposed – 1 abstained)
  - Discussion:
    - The definition of “international” is more liberal per recommendation by the International Committee (made up of faculty and staff in CALS). The committee tried to be as broad and liberal as possible in order to give students a broad array of courses from which to choose
    - Recommendations for refinement of the criteria can be addressed at a future meeting, if desired
    - In the future, Masarah will flag courses that require the committee’s review
    - The committee and CALS Academic Affairs can continue to monitor the number of L&S vs. CALS courses that CALS students use to fulfill the requirement
- **LSC 440** Contemporary Communication Technologies and Their Social Effects
  - Change in pre-requisites
  - Motion to approve; Perna, Hartemink – passed (7 favored – 0 opposed – 0 abstained)
- **MICROBIO 692** Senior Thesis
  - Removal of biological breadth designation per L&S policy
  - Point of clarification: the course somehow got the L&S breadth designation, but it should not have and so the proposer is rectifying the error
  - Motion to approve with understanding to drop the designation; Choi, Perna – passed (7 favored – 0 opposed – 0 abstained)

- **LSC 270** Communication in Life Science Industries
  - Change in pre-requisite
  - Proposal tabled at a previous meeting – proposer has since clarified that the course is open to students who are *declared* in the Business Management certificate
  - Motion to approve; Stanosz, Van Eyck – passed (7 favored – 0 opposed – 0 abstained)
- **BIO 522** Evolution Undergraduate Seminar Series
  - New course
  - Previously offered as a topics course
  - Motion to approve; Hartemink, Choi – passed (6 favored – 0 opposed – 1 abstained)
- **ENVIR ST 561** Energy Markets
  - New course
  - Unclear who target audience is for the course
  - Phil to clarify with the proposer when the course is to be effective
  - Motion to approve; Lenertz-Lindemer, Choi – passed (7 favored – 0 opposed – 0 abstained)
- Individualized major request
  - Global Food Security – Laura Leavens
  - Brad Barham as lead professor in addition to Michel Wattiaux and Erin Silva
  - Faculty committee will review the proposed biology sequence and make any adjustments as needed
  - Motion to approve curriculum; include 10 credits of introductory biology with specific courses to be determined by the faculty committee; Jackson, Perna – passed (7 favored – 0 opposed – 0 abstained)

Meet adjourned 1:04pm