

# Minutes

CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, September 13, 2016, 12:00 p.m.  
250 Agricultural Hall

**Voting Members Present:** Albrecht, Balster, Barak-Cunningham, Gould, Lenertz-Lindemer, Reaves, Turnquist

**Voting Members Absent:** Choi, Engels

**Non-Voting Members Present:** Bollig, Grill

**Guests:** John Klatt observing from CALS Academic Affairs

**Meeting called to order at 12:01 pm**

## WELCOME & COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

- Lead reviewers should notify Academic Affairs on the Thursday prior to the next meeting if they would like to move an item to the consent agenda
- If there are any changes to the agenda Academic Affairs will notify members
- Reminder that members should review all proposals and committee materials prior to the meeting

## MINUTES

Motion to approve Minutes from May 10, 2016 Albrecht; Lenertz-Lindermer

Vote: 6 approved- 0 –denied 0- abstained

**Action: Approve**

## CONSENT AGENDA

1. Request to add **C&E SOC 540** to International Studies Requirement effective Fall 2015 for all students (attachment)  
-Academic Affairs determined course meets at least 5 of the 6 criteria; approval from CALS CC required to apply to all students  
(<http://www.cals.wisc.edu/academics/curriculum-information/cals-international-studies-courses/>)
2. **\*461 Biological Systems Engineering** Food and Bioprocessing Operations—course change-prerequisite; effective Spring 2016-2017  
-already approved by CALS CC; updated pre-requisite to incorporate declaration in engineering programs or graduate standing per feedback from Michelle Young, staff to the University Curriculum Committee
3. **515 LSC** Public Information Campaigns and Programs—course change; effective Fall 2017-2018

4. **560 LSC** Scientific Writing—course change; effective Spring 2016-2017
5. **640 LSC** Case Studies in the Communication of Science and Technology—course change; effective Fall 2017-2018

**Action: Approve proposals 1- 5 by general consent**

### COURSE PROPOSALS

6. **645 Biochem** Molecular Control of Metabolism and Metabolic Disease, –new course; effective Fall 2017-2018

**LEAD: Albrecht**

Motion to approve BIOCHEM 645 (note that the proposal has been edited to reflect the new proposed course number, 645, from 618 in the justification section) Albrecht; Gould

- The Biochemistry Department is proposing this course in order to offer more upper-level courses
- Previously taught as a topics course
- Duplication of content is discussed in proposal but determined not to be an issue
- Mention of course number 618 is related to previously proposed course number changed per request of Nutritional Sciences
- Students are required to watch lectures and complete quizzes prior to attending class without a clear mechanism for enforcement, although this has not been an issue when offered as a topics course
- Cross-listing with Nutritional Sciences has been approved by the Nutritional Sciences Department
- Question from committee about whether cross-listed courses always share the same course number
  - Cross-listed courses do share the same course number
  - “Meets with” courses may not
- Concern from the committee about the 600 level course number
  - Number is intended to attract both undergrad and graduate students

Vote: 6-approved 0-denied 1-abstained

**Action: Approve**

7. **133 Genetics** Genetics in the News—course change; effective Spring 2016-2017

**LEAD: Lenertz-Lindemer**

8. **466 Genetics** Principles of Genetics—course change; effective Spring 2016-2017

**LEAD: Lenertz-Lindemer**

Motion to combine Items 7 & 8 Lenertz-Lindemer; Balster; approved

Motion to Approve Genetics 133 & 466 Lenertz-Lindemer; Gould

- Request to remove cross-listing related to credits being distributed to cross-listed departments when the instructor of record does not have an instructional teaching appointment in a teaching department (<https://apir.wisc.edu/instruction-credits.htm>).
- Botany and Zoology approved 133. Botany approved 466; Zoology is supportive but deciding whether changes to curriculum are needed before approval.

Vote: 7-approved 0-denied 0-abstained

**Action: Approve**

9. **731 Pediatrics** Clinical Genetics —course change; effective Spring 2016-2017

**LEAD: Turnquist**

Motion to Approve Pediatrics 731 Turnquist; Gould

- Change in grading scale from A to F to Pass/Fail in order to create a more collaborative environment among students. 80% is needed in order to earn a passing grade.
- Question from the committee as to why CALS CC is reviewing proposal as the course is only open to students that are part of the Genetic Counseling Program.
  - Course is before the committee due to cross-listing with Genetics

Vote: 6-approved 0-denied 1-abstained

**Action: Approve**

**ACTION ITEMS**

10. Proposal to Revise CALS Honors Program (attachment)

Motion to approve the proposal for administrative changes to Honors program Gould; Albrecht

- CALS Curriculum Committee asked to weigh in prior to Academic Planning Council review
- Proposal based on campus initiative to streamline the way that colleges identify Honors students
- Proposal requests to administratively identify Honors in Research as though it were a major/plan and Honors in the Major is handled as an Option/Sub Plan requiring advisor approval
- CALS currently has three options to earn Honors: Honors in Research, Honors in the Major, and Individualized Honors
- Proposal also requests to discontinue Individualized Honors, which according to records has never been pursued by any student
- Students will be allowed to pursue either Honors in Research or Honors in the Major but not both
- Question about what effect this will have on students
  - Answer that this change will hopefully help make the Honors designation clearer to students and advisors
- Changes will likely be implemented in summer '17

Vote: 7-approved 0-denied 0-abstained

**Action: Approve**

**INFORMATIONAL**

11. **421 Civ and Envir Eng** Environmental Sustainability Engineering —new course; effective Spring 2016-2017

-BSE approved as supplemental reviewer; administratively approved

12. **765 Comp Sci** Data Visualization —new course; effective Spring 2016-2017

-LSC approved as supplemental reviewer; administratively approved

13. **300 Zoology** Invertebrate Zoology—new course; effective Spring 2016-2017

-Entomology approved as supplemental reviewer; administratively approved

14. **301 Zoology** Invertebrate Zoology Lab—new course; effective Spring 2016-2017

-Entomology approved as supplemental reviewer; administratively approved

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

15. Course Requisite Cleanup Project Update

The Entomology Department was asked to review pre-requisites after initial review by Academic Affairs. Instructors from the department were consulted but have not been able to review changes over the summer term due to other commitments. This project is on hold until further notice.

**Meeting adjourned at 1:07 pm**