

Minutes

CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 16, 2010, Noon – 1:30 pm
250 Agricultural Hall

Present: Stier (Chair), Bohnhoff, Gillian-Daniels, Grummer, Howell, Kurtz, Paustian, Pelegri, Pfatteicher, Martin, Scheufele, Verbeten

Absent: Bednarek, Gisler

Approval of January Minutes – The January 19th minutes were unanimously approved pending the correction of dates for the February meetings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

L SC COM – Undergraduate Curriculum Revisions – Information was distributed showing the groupings of the intended changes to L SC COM's curriculum.

COURSE PROPOSALS

New Course Proposals

INTER AG 499: Leadership Certificate Capstone

Lead: Howell

Discussion was held regarding this proposal in conjunction with the CALS Leadership Certificate. Among the items discussed were:

- 1) What is the correct number of credits for the course? There is discrepancy in the number of credits reported throughout the proposal.
- 2) How is the course portfolio evaluated?
- 3) Is there a guideline for mentors for the course?
- 4) The mentor equivalent should reflect 15 hours for 1 credit, so would 60 hours be for 4 credits?
- 5) How great is the need to make the certificate transcriptable?
- 6) Are 4 credits appropriate for a certificate? Most certificates are 12 -15 credits.

A motion was made by Howell and seconded by Scheufele to table the proposal for **INTER AG 499** until the above questions are addressed. **The motion passed.**

NEW BUSINESS

CALS Leadership Certificate – *Pfatteicher* (refer to notes above on **INTER AG 499**)

OLD BUSINESS

Continuation of B.S. Degree Proposal – A modified “Overview of the Proposed CALS Requirements” was distributed to the committee for review. Much dialog was held with the goal being to simplify the degree requirements to allow for flexibility. The conversations included:

- 1) keeping the Biological Science section at 5 credits
- 2) making Additional Science Coursework 3 credits, while removing Social Science from the proposed requirement Advising Information
- 3) adding Science Breadth: 3 credits to the Proposed Requirements
- 4) including department freshman courses (e.g. **LAND ARC 250**) in First-Year Seminar section

- 5) expressed concern regarding the removal of Economics from the Proposed Requirements, although it was pointed out that this requirement can be dictated by the major
- 6) expressed interest in allowing students coming into our college with foreign language credits to count for them somewhere in our requirements

Continued feedback was encouraged. The degree proposal will be voted on by the CALS Curriculum Committee on March 2nd. An all college vote will take place on March 23rd in the Microbial Sciences Building (Ebling) at 3:00 p.m. This vote will require a quorum of 150 faculty. Please encourage attendance.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bohnhoff and seconded by Howell. **The motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm.

March Meetings:

Tuesday, March 2nd, Room 250, Agricultural Hall at noon

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Submitted by Karen Martin