

MINUTES

CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 12, 2010, Noon – 1:30 pm
250 Agricultural Hall

Present: Stier (Chair), Bednarek, Bohnhoff, Fadl, Hayslett, Jackson, Paustian,
Pelegri, Pfatteicher,
Absent: Berkelman, Gisler, Kumerow, Martin, Mitchell, Pearson, Stubbings

Approval of Past Minutes

The September 28th minutes were unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Individual Major – Amy Charkowski / Andrew Cunningham

After presentation and review, the CALS Curriculum Committee unanimously approved the Individual Major of Andrew Cunningham.

Progress on Department Curriculum

An update was given regarding the status of departmental curriculum changes for the new degree requirements. Maria Stubbings and Sarah Pfatteicher are continuing to work with the CALS departments to create draft curriculum sheets. All department curriculum sheets are expected to be completed by the end of the fall semester.

Capstone

The committee expressed concerns regarding current capstone courses in CALS departments. Some departments may not be abiding by the college's criteria for their capstone courses. The committee agreed to continue having conversations about capstone courses and their criteria. The committee plans to review all current capstone courses in CALS.

Review First Year Seminar Criteria – Pfatteicher

Sarah Pfatteicher shared a draft of the First Year Seminar Criteria. The committee had some suggestions for minor revisions.

- 1) Re-order the criteria to emphasize as a first year course
- 2) Create process for review of courses

The committee asked that these comments be shared with Wren Singer from the Center of First Year Experience. Wren had agreed to put together a committee to review possible courses from CALS departments, and requested that a member from the CALS Curriculum Committee be on the review committee. John Stier volunteered to assist with the reviews and the CALS Curriculum Committee supported John's decision.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

November Meetings:

Tuesday, November 8th, Room 250, Agricultural Hall, 12:00 – 1:30 pm

Tuesday, November 23rd, Room 250, Agricultural Hall, 12:00 – 1:30 pm

Submitted by Karen Martin