

Minutes

CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 22, 2019, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
253 Soils Hall

Voting Members Present: Balster, Goldman (departed 2:25pm), Holden, Kucharik, Courtenay, Anderson, Wattiaux (arrived 1:20pm)
Student Member: Mui
CALs Ex Officio: Ackerman-Yost, Barber

CONSENT AGENDA

Meeting called to order at approximately 1:00pm.

1. Review meeting minutes from October 8, 2019 Balster 1:00-1:10pm

Item 1 approved by consent. Item 2 moved to Action Items by Balster.

ACTION ITEMS

2. MICROBIO Requisite Amnesty Project [moved from consent]

Discussion: Consent of instructor used when that is only way to enroll. Enroll Info is not being used and will be discontinued. Color coding – black: another department has approved it; blue: removing themselves from crosslisting. Micro 299/399 – Intermediate attribute and no breadth. Microbio 400 – UW Study Abroad. Microbio 526 – concurrent enrollment review. Microbiol 545 – Enroll Info being removed; bio. Microbio 990 – Keeping existing description.

Motion to accept Microbiology requisite update: Balster/Courtenay

Vote: 6-0-0

NEW COURSE

1. **NUTR SCI 377** – Cultural Aspects of Food and Nutrition Goldman 1:10-1:20pm
Effective Summer 2020
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=12943>

Motion to roll back: Goldman/Balster

Discussion: Cultural competence in nutrition is important, relevant topic. Peer institutions have similar courses. Course proposes vast territory. Cultural competencies, personal perspective, stereotypes. Biological sciences attribute – didn't find this in syllabus. Gen ed committee will review breadth attributes. Delivery of vast topic may be difficult. Course work does not appear

appropriate for 3-credit course. Instructor training in topic. Department supportive of course. Requisites exist for course. Differentiation from Anthropology course – this one would be biologically science based.

Vote to roll back: 7-0-0

2. **ENTOM/ENVIR ST 205** – Our Planet, Our Health Balster
Effective Fall 2020
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=13005>

Motion to roll back: Balster/Kucharik

Discussion: Strong course learning outcomes. Assessment – not clear how assessment of summary of lecture readings will be administered and when. Suggest combining overview of three parts of course with weekly schedule. Needs statement on disability and other campus resources. May want to consider sustainability attribute.

Vote to roll back: 2-5-0, denied

Motion to approved pending grading, assessment clarity, addition of required statements:
Balster/Goldman

Vote: 7-0-0, approved

NEW COURSE, REVISITED

3. **AAE 352** – Global Health: Economics, Natural Systems, Anderson 1:20-1:30pm
and Policy
Effective Fall 2020
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=13046>

Motion to approve: Anderson/Kucharik

Discussion: Previous concerns: topics overly broad and course learning outcomes too broad with little alignment between objective and content. Instructor addressed concerns. Syllabus provides detailed discussion to meet credit hours. More detail in description provided. Title still broad. Course learning outcome changes made and now aligned with course description.

Vote: 7-0-0

COURSE CHANGE

4. **Significant changes to content – focus on academic and research writing**
LSC 560 – Scientific Writing Kucharik 1:40-1:50pm
Effective Fall 2020
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=6927>

Motion to approve: Kucharik/Holden

Discussion: Course content – scientific, academic, public writing. Splitting course into two. Well laid out. Seven instructors to teach. Grading and syllabus clear.

Vote: 7-0-0

OTHER

5. International Studies Requirement Balster 1:50-2:30pm
- Use materials in [October 8 meeting BOX](#)

Discussion:

Discuss courses and then make motion to accept/deny proposals after all courses reviewed.

LSC 251: Questions about elements in LSC 251 syllabus. Needs to be consistent with what is found in Guide.

History 336: Style of syllabus language was notable. Course learning outcomes have not been reviewed. Priority theme - economic development.

Continue International Studies review Nov 26.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.