

Minutes

CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 12, 2020, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
Teams Meeting

Voting Members present: Balster, Wattiaux, Anderson, Courtenay, Kucharik, Goldman, Holden
Absent: Dolma
Ex Officio: Barber, Ackerman-Yost
Minutes Taken by: Arnfelt

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Review meeting minutes from April 14, 2020 Balster 1:00-1:05pm

Item 1 approved by consent.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **NEW COURSE** Goldman 1:05-1:15pm
LSC 561 – Writing Science for the Public
Effective Spring 2020
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=5564>

Motion to approve (Goldman, Wattiaux)

Discussion: The committee discussed how this was a unique and valuable course. The instructional content of the course was reviewed and was sufficient, and the objectives of the course were observed to fill a gap in instruction. The committee commented that the participation grading scale appeared to include both attendance and participation, and might be clearer to students if it were separated. The committee also discussed the work requirements for graduate students, and felt that although it could be more involved, the current requirements were sufficient.

Vote 7-0-0

2. **NEW COURSE** Wattiaux 1:15-1:25pm
HORT 380 - Indigenous Foodways: Food and Seed Sovereignty
Effective Spring 2020
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=13455>

Motion to approve (Wattiaux, Holden)

Discussion: The committee discussed the hands-on activities in the course and their permanent inclusion in the course, as well as the understanding gained from those activities. The committee suggested that it could benefit the student if there was some clarification about those activities and what would be expected from them. The committee found that the learning outcomes were articulated and clear but did not include the two required learning outcomes for the sustainability attribute. The committee

recommended that the department consider requesting a breadth attribute for the course and commented that while the course proposal was requesting the Ethnic Studies attribute, the course is only 2 credits.

Academic Affairs to follow up before approval: Clarification in the proposal on the hands-on activities for the course, reversion of the ethnic studies attribute, and inclusion of learning outcomes for the sustainability attribute.

Vote 6-0-0

3. **NEW COURSE** Balster 1:25-1:35pm
HORT 351 - A Deeper Look at Plants and Human Wellbeing
Effective Spring 2020
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=13454>

Motion to approve (Balster, Holden)

Discussion: This course is the main discussion course for the Plants and Human Wellbeing FIG and is currently being taught as a Topics course. The proposal requests a biological science breadth and the sustainability attribute but does not currently include the two learning objectives required for the sustainability attribute.

Academic Affairs to follow up before approval: Inclusion of learning outcomes for the sustainability attribute.

Vote 6-0-0

4. **COURSE CHANGE** Balster 1:35-1:45pm
add Biological Science breadth, LAS credit, and Sustainability attribute
HORT 350 – Plants and Human Wellbeing
Effective Spring 2020
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=5564>

Motion to approve (Balster, Holden)

Discussion: This course is part of the Plants and Human Wellbeing FIG. Attributes are being added to improve the visibility of the FIG and ensure that interested students can enroll. The proposal needs to add the two learning outcomes required by the sustainability attribute.

Academic Affairs to follow up before approval: Inclusion of learning outcomes for the sustainability attribute.

Vote 6-0-0

INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. FOOD SCI Requisite Amnesty – possibility of summer decisions?

Balster/Ackerman-Yost

Discussion: Requisite amnesty is generally through the consent agenda, but the committee generally does not meet during the summer. Food Science would benefit to go through requisite amnesty to be effective Spring 2021. Academic Affairs is requesting that *only for items normally on the consent agenda*: during the summer, Academic Affairs would review the items beforehand, send out an email to the committee to ask if there are any objections/questions, and if there are no objections after a week then this would be approved by consent. The committee discussed the schedule for requisite amnesty, as it is different depending on the department. Academic Affairs indicated that departments are being approached for the requisite amnesty project at staggered times to ensure that departments, their campus partners, and Academic Affairs are not overburdened at any given time.

2. Sarah had an update on the recent Topics policy. The policy has been approved by APC and the process will need to be implemented starting next fall.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.