

# Minutes

CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, October 13, 2020, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Voting members present: Courtenay, Goldman, Holden, Kucharik, Ney, Van Pijkeren, Vermillion Kalmon,  
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Student Members present: Mui

Absent: Rossman

Ex Officio: Ackerman-Yost, Barber

Minutes Taken by: Arnfelt

## CONSENT AGENDA

1. Review meeting minutes from September 22, 2020. Goldman  
1:00-1:05pm

Item 1 approved by consent.

## ACTION ITEMS

1. Course change: adding grad attribute, adding learning outcomes Ney/Courtenay  
1:05-1:15pm

**MED HIST/AGRONOMY/C&E SOC/PHILOS 565: The Ethics of Modern Biotechnology**  
Effective Fall 2021  
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=7489>

Motion to defer (Ney, Courtenay)

Discussion: The course provides concepts and content valuable to students in a variety of majors. However, the committee had concern with the amount of course learning outcomes and their measurability.

Vote: 8-0-0

2. Re-review Goldman/Van Pijkeren  
Course change: change from Cr/No Cr to A/F; updated title,  
1:15-1:25pm  
and course description

**INTER-AG 388** – CALS Honors – Fundamentals of Research Seminar  
Effective Spring 2021  
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=5759>

Motion to approve (Goldman, Van Pijkeren)

Discussion: The committee found that the instructor resolved the concerns the committee had from the previous meeting. The committee did suggest that the instructor investigate a follow-up book published

by the author for slightly different material. The grading scale for an F grade needs to be updated on the percentage range – Academic Affairs will update before the proposal is moved on.

Vote: 8-0-0

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| 3. Major program change: curricular requirements  | Guest: Schuchardt |
| 1:30-1:50pm   |                   |
| Clinical Nutrition MS   | Kucharik/Holden   |
| Effective Summer 2021   |                   |
| <a href="https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=623">https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=623</a> |                   |

Guest speaker presented on the major program changes for the Clinical Nutrition MS program. The guest speaker mentioned that starting in 2024 dieticians students will need a graduate degree.

Motion to approve (Kucharik, Holden)

Discussion: The committee commented that this program has been highly successful and appreciated the focus on changes to make this program more customized to meet the students' professional goals. The committee raised concern about using Topics courses given the upcoming policy changes and need for commitment from the department, but the program confirmed that they are working to get those changed from a topics course. The committee asked how the program is planning to implement the changes for current students; the response was that students can either opt to stay on the curriculum they started on or can change to the updated curriculum.

Vote: 8-0-0

### INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

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| 1. CALS International Studies Requirement | Goldman/Ackerman |
| 2:00-2:30pm                               |                  |
| ○ Overview of Requirement                 | -Yost            |
| ○ Guidelines for review                   |                  |
| ○ Assignments                             |                  |

The committee was provided materials in Box. The committee has been tasked to review and assess the applications for possible additions to the CALS International Studies requirement. Each course is reviewed by at least four members of the committee. The committee will look through the assigned courses and provide comments, then discuss and vote as a group. The committee decided to review these courses over two meetings (3 courses each meeting).

Meeting adjourned 2:32 pm