

Minutes

CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting
Tuesday, November 10, 2020, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Voting members present: Courtenay, Goldman, Kucharik, Ney, Van Pijkeren, Vermillion Kalmon, Wattiaux
Student Members present: Mui
Absent: Holden, Rossman
Ex Officio: Ackerman-Yost, Barber
Minutes Taken by: Barber

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Review meeting minutes from October 27, 2020 Goldman 1:00-1:05pm

Item 1 approved by consent.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **AN SCI 245** – Animal Welfare Kucharik/Vermillion Kalmon 1:05-1:15pm
Effective Fall 2021
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=14029>

Motion to approve (Kucharik/Vermillion Kalmon)

Discussion: CLOs were well written. No significant overlap with other courses. A new current textbook is being used. The emerging student interest in food justice combined with no prerequisites for the course mean it could have broad appeal. There was discussion about the compressed grading on a 100-point scale. The small number of total points could create unexpected outcomes for students. It will be important to communicate with students about the grading. The group project is a large percentage of total points (40 out of 100). The committee discussed the methods outlined to grade the project, including a self-evaluation from the student.

Vote: 7-0-0

2. Re-review
Course change: adding grad attribute, adding learning outcomes Ney/Courtenay 1:15-1:25pm
MED HIST/AGRONOMY/C&E SOC/PHILOS 565: The Ethics of Modern Biotechnology
Effective Fall 2021
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=7489>

Move to approve (Ney/Courtenay)

Discussion: CLOs have been reduced to appropriate level and are measurable. Grading has been updated. Rubric is extensive. Course is likely to have student interest.

Vote: 7-0-0

3. Part 2: International Studies Requirement application review, discussion, and voting 1:25-2:00pm

Committee discussed applications. The information in the responses was compared to syllabus and governed content to demonstrate alignment with requirements. Each course was discussed and committee members were given the opportunity to share any thoughts or concerns in regards to the course and the application materials.

Motion to approve AAE 352: Courtenay/Ney

Vote: 6-0-1

Motion to approve ASIAN-EA STDS 255: Ney/Courtney

Vote: 6-1-0

Motion to not approve ASIAN-RELIG ST 307: Vermillion Kalmon/Wattiaux

Vote: 7-0-0

Motion to not approve ASIAN-RELIG ST 274: Wattiaux/Courtney

Vote: 7-0-0

Motion to not approve ASIAN 253: Kucharik/Wattiaux

Vote: 7-0-0

Motion to not approve ASIAN-RELIG ST 236: Ney/Courtney

Vote: 7-0-0

INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Discontinuation of Development PhD and minor

The Development PhD program suspended admissions in Fall 2018 as a response to its program review, and in light of its low producing status. There was no path forward to enroll more students and secure funding for those students. The program's Executive Committee voted to discontinue the programs. There are currently five students enrolled and there is a teach-out plan for each of these students to complete their degrees. Summer 2025 is the final term that students can be enrolled and awarded the Development PhD. The PhD minor has no students and will be discontinued Summer 2021.

2. Discussion of guidance for CALS International Studies requirement criteria

APC members asked to provide comments about International Studies review process. Megan will send document to committee members to enter a comment.