

# Minutes

CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, December 14, 2021, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.  
6201 MSB

Voting members present: Forest, Goldman, Lankau, Ney, Van Pijkeren, Vermillion Kalmon, Wagner  
Student Members present: Mui  
Student Members absent: Banúelos  
Ex Officio: Ackerman-Yost  
Minutes Taken by: Arnfelt

Chair for this meeting: JP van Pijkeren

## CONSENT AGENDA

1. Review meeting minutes from November 23, 2021.

Item 1 approved by consent.

## ACTION ITEMS

1. Individual major

Materials in Box

Policy in Guide: <https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/agricultural-life-sciences/college-wide/individual-major-bs/index.html#howtogetintext>

**1:00-1:20pm**

Guests: Jackson Waltman,  
Troy Runge  
van Pijkeren/Goldman

Guest Presentation: Jackson is seeking an individual major in Renewable Energy. His core classes focus on preparation for working in renewable energy and installation of sustainable energy systems, and include classes in biological systems engineering, real estate, environmental sciences, and environmental studies. His advisor and the BSE department have reviewed the proposal and support the courses Jackson has planned for this individual major. The capstone experience will be working with Professor Runge. The student indicated that the individual major was necessary to take both the BSE and Environmental Sciences courses needed to meet his goals.

Motion: approve Individual major (Sustainability and Renewable Energy) for Jackson Waltman

Discussion: The committee supports this individual major, although there was some discussion regarding the suitability of the Environmental Sciences major. The committee also noted that the student and faculty advisor should ensure that the student engages with a professional advisor as well to ensure general policies and requirements are covered.

Vote 6-0-0

2. **Program Change – Physics, Statistics, Chemistry**

Effective Spring 2022

<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=41>

**1:20pm-1:40pm**

Guests: Nick Balster  
Ney/Wagner

Motion to approve (Ney, Wagner)

Discussion: The program is removing certain statistics and chemistry courses because students have low access to these courses or do not have the prerequisites for these courses. The committee was supportive of the reduction to one semester of physics based on the program committee expertise. Academic Affairs will

follow up to ask general questions about the distributed elective option and the foundation requirement. The four year plan is in the process of being updated.

Vote 6-0-1

3. **New Course** **1:40pm-1:50pm**  
**SOC/C&E SOC 343** – Sociology of Health and Medicine Wagner/Lankau  
Effective Spring 2022  
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=89334>

Motion to approve (Wagner, Lankau)

Discussion: The committee supports this new course proposal. Committee noted that the cross-listing rationale was not strong and the learning outcomes would be recommended to have stronger verbs. The committee noted that L&S had previously approved this proposal.

Vote 7-0-0

4. **New Course** **1:50-2:00pm**  
**AN SCI 336** – Animal Growth and Development Forest/Vermillion Kalmon  
Effective Fall 2022  
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=89354>

Motion to approve with some changes (Forest, Vermillion Kalmon)

Discussion: The committee noted that this course was geared toward a wide variety of biological science students. The committee was in support of this proposal but required some minor updates to the proposal. The committee noted that GENETICS 627 should be discussed as a related course, formatting assignments more clearly in the syllabus, and clarifying the extra credit information. The committee additionally recommended strengthening the learning outcomes and regular and substantive interaction explanation. The committee noted that the course is open to graduate students but does not have the graduate attribute and discussed the opportunity for graduate students to take foundational courses that aren't at a graduate level.

Vote 7-0-0

5. **New Course** **2:00-2:10pm**  
**LSC 340** – Misinformation, Fake News, and Correcting False Vermillion Kalmon/Forest  
False Beliefs about Science  
Effective Fall 2022  
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=89424>

Motion to approve (Vermillion Kalmon, Forest)

Discussion: The committee is in support of this new course. This course creates a permanent course for a Topics course that has been taught a few times. It is intended to be an elective for LSC programs. The committee noted the good participation information that described the work students need to do for participation. There was an error noted in the syllabus in the grading section that needs to be corrected.

Vote 6-0-1

6. **New Course** **2:10-2:20pm**  
**LSC 460** – Social Media Analytics Lankau/Ney  
Effective Fall 2022  
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=89427>

Motion to approve (Lankau, Ney)

Discussion: The committee supports this new course. The committee noted that the information about assignments could have been more detailed, as it does not provide enough information for students. The committee wondered whether the course required preparation in math or statistics since students would be using R in the course.

Vote 6-0-1

### **INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Discussion: meeting over winter break

Motion to meet virtually between semesters (van Pijkeren, Goldman)

Vote: 7-0-0

1. Extra January meeting – Megan to send out survey
2. MS, Clinical Nutrition – Graduate School approval for seven credits from the Mayo Clinic Dietetic Internship program to count toward the degree due to specialized accreditation requirements

Meeting adjourned 2:30pm