Agenda
CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting
Tuesday, November 12th, 2013, 12:30 p.m.
250 Agricultural Hall

Randy Jackson, Chr (2014)
Jeri Barak, (2014)
Bill Bland, (2014)
Kirsten Brown, (2016)
Ahna Skop, (2016)
Susan Smith, (2016)
James Steele (2016)
Masarah Van Eyck, (2015)

CALS Ex Officio:
Sarah Pfatteicher
Phil Gonsiska

CASI Ex Officio:

Student Reps:
Matt Olson
Taylor Fritsch

UP&S Office:
Susan Gisler
Andrea Sotile

MINUTES

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OTHER BUSINESS

Capacity metrics discussion
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Present: Jackson, Bland, Brown, Kloppenburg, Van Eyck, Gonsiska, Sottile, Fritsch, Olson

Absent: Barak, Skop, Smith, Steele

Meeting called to order 12:00pm

MINUTES

Motion to approve last minutes: Van Eyck, Bland

BUSINESS

- DYSCI 234. Designed to replace DYSCI 302, elective class, content will be updated, main tenet of 302 (to have a cow) will be retained
  - Discussion:
    - Students report enjoying how it’s actual production
    - The new numbering and format makes sense
    - Since it is part of a two-course sequence, can it be a required course?
  - Motion to approve; Brown, Kloppenburg – passed
- DYSCI 302. Request to delete because DYSCI 234 will replace it
  - Motion to approve; Brown, Olson – passed
- BSE 270. Course content to focus on heat and mass transfer, taught by new faculty member
  - Motion to approve; Bland, Kloppenburg – passed
- BIOCHEM 508. Change to course description, pre-requisite now to have a BC or higher in BIOCHEM 503, all seem to be minor changes
  - Motion to approve; Bland, Brown – passed
- BIOCHEM 710. Slight change to course description, effective SP 2014, content of course remains the same
  - Motion to approve; Van Eyck, Bland – passed
- BIOCHEM 100. Freshmen seminar intended to introduce freshmen and transfers to biochemistry as a department and major, also fulfills the CALS first-year seminar requirement
  - Motion to approve; Kloppenburg, Olson – passed
- FOOD SCI 437. Change to pre-requisites – adding that students be in ADI and have taken FOOD SCI 301
  - Discussion:
    - Seems to be motivated by a desire to attract only those students serious about FOOD SCI
    - Will restrict other student’s access to the course
    - How do we address the influx of students without increasing faculty/staff? Keep in mind as our larger task re: capacity
  - Motion to approve; Bland, Olson – passed
• BSE 270. New course designed to teach students computer-aided drafting, online class via Learn@UW, intended to start SP 2014, apparently taught before as BSE 375
  o Discussion:
    ▪ Uncertain of federal guidelines for credit hours
    ▪ Four contact hours available per week for assistance seems appealing
    ▪ Does the average student take 6 hours or 8 to 10, for example? May be worth probing more on this
    ▪ Are online courses being tracked thus far? Would be worth looking into
      o Motion to approve; Kloppenburg, Bland – passed
• BSE 461. Change in title, change to course description, will include food as part of course content
  o Motion to approve; Kloppenburg, Olson – passed

AUTOMATIC CONSENT

• ZOO 953. Cross-listing to include Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences
  o Discussion:
    ▪ Committee has previously suggested Zoology reach out to other departments who may have interest in cross-listing some of their courses in order to get greater buy-in

CAPACITY METRICS

• Bill is working up a model to go forward with capacity metrics discussion. It will be proposed at a future meeting. Model will examine instructional resources against student demand and how and where they meet; it will force us to confront assumptions about what quality education is
• Should know current goals and if we’re accomplishing them
• Possible measurements/indicators: D-F-Drop rates, waitlists, time in residence, number of FTES of instructional faculty and staff and what the turnover is
• Regardless of metrics used, we must consider what our baseline is
• CALS Office to continue research about what other institutions may have accomplished regarding this

Meeting adjourned 12:52pm