

Minutes

CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 14, 2017, 12:00 p.m.
250 Agricultural Hall

Voting Members Present: Albrecht, Balster, Barack-Cunningham, Choi, Engels, Gould, Lenertz-Lindemer, Reaves, Runde, Turnquist

Voting Members Absent: none

Non-Voting Members Present: Bollig, Grill

Meeting called to order: 12:02 pm

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Review meeting minutes from January 24, 2017
2. Review meeting minutes from February 28, 2017
3. **620 GENETICS** Eukaryotic Molecular Biology—course change; effective Summer 2017
4. **332 NUTRI SCI** Human Nutritional Needs—course change; effective Spring 2017
5. Proposed Changes to Nutritional Sciences Major

Items 1-5 approved by consent

COURSE PROPOSALS

6. **657 MICROBIO** Bioinformatics for Microbiologists—new course; effective Spring 2018-2019

LEAD: Lenertz-Lindemer

Motion to Approve with friendly recommendations that the instructor considers additional genetics courses to meet prerequisites, and additional assignments for undergrads: Lenertz-Lindemer; Turnquist

- Course will utilize technology and the instructor noted that students will need a laptop in the syllabus
- Prerequisites do not include GENETICS 466 which is the recommended genetics courses for non-genetics majors.
- Committee recommends that Instructor consider updating the prerequisite to include Genetics 466
- Currently the undergrads are only grading based on one midterm (40%) and three assignments(30% each)
- Committee recommends Instructor adds assignments or final exam so undergrads midterm and assignments are not weighed so heavily

Vote- 9-approve 0-denied 0-abstained

Action: Approve and communicate recommendations

ACTION ITEMS

7. Proposal to allow HORT 376, and HORT 378 to meet the International Studies Requirement

LEAD: Barak-Cunningham

Motion to approve: Barack-Cunningham;Gould

* indicates proposal is returning to the Curriculum Committee for additional review

- Courses clearly meet the International Studies Requirement Criteria
- The combination of the two courses would meet the requirement but neither course will meet it alone
- Question about why the courses don't already meet the Requirement
- Curriculum Committee reviewed the current International Studies criteria in the 2014-15 year. At this time there was a call out to campus for courses to be considered for the requirement. Some requests were lost due to a technical error with the submission process and this is part of the clean up

Vote: 9-approved 0-denied 0-abstained

Action: Approve

8. Proposal to allow DY SCI 472 and DY 473 to meet the International Studies Requirement

LEAD: Barak-Cunningham

Motion to approve Barak-Cunningham; Turnquist

- Courses clearly meet the International Studies Requirement Criteria
- The combination of the two courses would meet the requirement but neither course will meet it alone

Vote: 9-approved 0-denied 0-abstained

Action: Approve

DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. Proposed Revision to Syllabus Requirements for Course Proposals- Bollig

- University Curriculum Committee (UCC) has asked for feedback for the proposed changes to syllabus requirements related to participation
- Currently UCC requires that syllabi include a separate grading rubric when participation accounts for at least 10 % of a grade
- The additional change would require course proposers to justify how it relates to the learning outcomes as well as a justification of the weight of participation
- Committee feels that requiring the participation rubric is helpful because it causes instructors to be thoughtful about communicating expectations, although the current rubric is vague and examples of other participation rubrics that UCC has approved would be informative
- Committee feels that it may be difficult to articulate which learning outcomes are met by participation and in the case of discussion and lab course unnecessary
- Suggestion from the committee that the language be changed to ask instructors to map which learning outcomes are achieved as opposed to how participation relates to learning outcomes
- Committee has questions about what the role of the governance bodies should be and is reluctant to tell instructors what to do
- Committee has concerns that this policy will only affect new courses and only while they are going through the approval process because there is no oversight for existing courses
- Committee recommends that if policies are put in place to require more from course proposers and instructors that UCC provide resources in order to comply with the policies

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

10. **302 COMP SCI** Introduction to Programming –course discontinuation; effective Fall 2018

-administratively approved after approval from Agronomy, Horticulture, and Plant Pathology