

Minutes

CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 23, 2018, 12:00 p.m.
243 Russell Labs

Voting Members Present: Barak-Cunningham, Engels, Gould, Albrecht, Anderson, Ingebriksen, Balster

Voting Members Absent: Paustian

Non-Voting Members Present: Bollig

Guests: Sarah Pfatteicher, Susan Huber Miller

Minutes: Megan Grill

Meeting called to order at 12:00pm

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Review meeting minutes from December 12, 2017
2. **562 GENETICS/MEDICAL GENETICS/ZOOLOGY** Human Cytogenetics – course change; effective Summer 2018
3. **370 AN SCI/DY SCI** Livestock Production and Health in Agricultural Development – course change; effective Fall 2018-2019

Items 1-3 approved by consent

Action: Nikki will follow up with AN SCI/DY SCI 370 proposer to make sure the syllabus contains credit hour definition

COURSE PROPOSALS

4. **720 A A E** Seminar in Quantitative and Applied Economics – new course; effective Spring 2018-2019
Motion to approve, Engles; Albrecht
 - Bill asked proposer about how there will be enough time for students to facilitate discussion with the proposed number of students. Proposer said they will have multiple course sections with smaller numbers of students.
 - Committee has questions regarding grading and recommends considering pass/fail or adding written work to the participation grade.

Vote: 4 approve-0 deny-2 abstain
Action: Approved
5. **721 A A E** Professional Communication of Applied Economics Analysis – new course; effective Fall 2018-2019
Motion to approve, Balster; Albrecht
 - Recommend creation of measurable learning outcomes
 - Recommend grading rubric for assessing presentation and written assignments
 - Life Sciences Communication approved the course given the focus on monetary issues

Vote: 4 approve-0 deny-1 abstain
Action: Approved
6. **315 PLANT PATH** Plant Microbiomes – new course; effective Spring 2017-2018
Motion to approve, Gould; Albrecht
 - Potential overlap with MICROBIO 375 which is now 335. Conversations with instructor of MICROBIO 335 have occurred off-line, but will request input from department.
 - Recommend change to grade information on syllabus for clarity.

Vote: 6-0-0
Action: Approved
7. **355 PLANT PATH** Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic Practicum – new course; effective Spring 2017-2018
Motion to approve, Anderson; Ingebriksen
 - Syllabus needs a statement about how the course meets credit hours and reflect updated course requisite

Vote: 5-0-0

Action: Approved

8. **681 INTER-AG** Senior Honors Thesis – new course; effective Spring 2017-2018
and **682 INTER-AG** Senior Honors Thesis – new course; effective Spring 2017-2018
9. Motion to approve 681 and 682, Albrecht; Gould
- Recommend addition of timeline to the documentation. Juniors need to submit in spring semester, committee only meets twice per month, and materials need to be submitted 3 weeks prior to the meeting.

Vote: 5-0-0

Action: Approved

DISCUSSION ITEMS

10. CALS International Studies Requirement
- Sarah Pfatteicher, Susan Huber Miller, and Nikki Bollig shared background information about the International Studies requirement.
 - Requirement was established over 20 years ago and the course list has grown substantially
 - 133 courses meet the requirement but only 20 or so are CALS courses
 - 80% of the graduates in the last 5 years with non CALS courses
 - Large number of courses makes it difficult to assess learning outcomes
 - Potential goals of a project to revisit the requirement include:
 - Shorten the list and consider limiting to CALS courses
 - Align to CALS priority themes
 - Revise criteria and define measurable learning outcomes
 - Determine process for review of requirement and incorporation of CALS international field studies
 - Barak and Balster volunteered to participate on sub-committee charged with reviewing the International Studies requirement on behalf of the Associate Dean

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

11. New Online Course Proposal
- The old system is still accessible, but new proposals must be submitted via the new system. Every proposal in the old system has to be through governance by the end of the spring semester or it will be deleted and need to be re-entered in the new system.

Meeting adjourned at 1:49pm