

# Minutes

CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 1:00 p.m.  
240 Soils Hall

**Voting Members Present:** Balster, Goldman, Holden, Kucharik, Anderson, Courtenay

**Student Member Present:** Mui

**Voting Members Absent:** Wattiaux

**CALS Ex Officio:** Ackerman-Yost, Barber

## CONSENT AGENDA

1. Review meeting minutes from Sept 9, 2019 Balster

Item 1 deferred to Sept 24 meeting when meeting minutes for the Sept 9 and Sept 10 meetings will be reviewed together

## ACTION ITEMS

1. **Nutritional Sciences, B.S Nutrition and Dietetics** Ney
  - Removal of GEN BUS 311 from the curriculum based on accreditation visit feedback
  - Removal of two courses that are no longer being offered
  - Revamp of four-year plan to improve advising

Effective Spring 2020

<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=27>

Denise Ney discussed the recent seven-year reaccreditation granted to the B.S. Nutrition and Dietetics program. Based on feedback from the accreditation visit, GEN BUS 311 will be removed from the curriculum. Food Science 437 will incorporate a new assignment that the GEN BUS 311 course was intended to fulfill and no longer does. C&I 427 and 428 will be removed from the curriculum as they are rarely offered and the program prefers ED PSYCH 301.

It was suggested by the committee that the program review its Chemistry requirement to take either BMOLCHEM 503 OR BIOCHEM 501. BMOLCHEM 503 has not been offered since Spring 2014 and the newly approved BIOCHEM 301 might be an appropriate option. The syllabus for BIOCHEM 301 will be shared with Denise and she will bring this back to the department for discussion.

Motion to approve: Balster/Anderson

Vote: 6-0-0, approved

2. **SOIL SCI 330** – Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Kucharik  
1:35-1:45pm  
Response (HAZWOPER) and Field Safety Training

Effective Spring 2021

<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=12921>

Concerns raised about level of rigor of the course given that it has the graduate attribute, although the committee recognized that the course is only one credit. Discrepancies on the syllabus about whether the course is 13 or 15 weeks need clarification. More details on the readings would be helpful. Grading scale for graduate students is needed for the grad attribute. NAERGB acronym in syllabus is unclear. Industry training is required to teach the course, so committee wanted to confirm how many people in the department are able to teach the course. Nick Balster indicated that at least one person in the Soil Sciences department was currently able to teach the course and that another was planning on training. It was discussed whether students outside of the new MS in Environmental Remediation and Management would take the course and if there may be some interest among future students in the Agroecosystems BS currently in development.

Motion to roll back: Kucharik/Balster

Vote: 6-0-0, motion approved to roll back

3. **SOIL SCI 730** – Colloquium: Environmental Remediation Goldman 1:45-  
1:55pm  
and Management

Effective Fall 2020

<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=12970>

Motion to approve: Goldman/Kucharik

Discussion: Well-crafted colloquium and syllabus.

Vote: 6-0-0, approved

## INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Overview of 2019-2020 Curriculum Committee schedule Balster/Ackerman-Yost

IS requirement; deadline 9/24

Sustainability attribute

Role of Curriculum Committee in approving lists submitted by departments  
Curriculum committee approval will go to the University Curriculum Committee  
Could too many courses have attribute and erode meaning/value of attribute

Learning outcomes amnesty

Office of the Provost initiative  
Sustainability attribute could get approved through the learning amnesty process

Topics courses

375 and 875 courses  
First conversation at 9/24 Curriculum Committee with follow up conversation in  
December

Capstones courses

Discussion topic for spring semester  
Important in context of new proposed CALS undergraduate majors

Meeting adjourned at 2:15pm