

Minutes

CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 24, 2019, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
253 Soils Hall

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

Student Member Absent: Mui

CALS Ex Officio: Ackerman-Yost, Barber

CONSENT AGENDA

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| 1. Review meeting minutes from September 9 and 10, 2019 | Balster | 1:00-1:05pm |
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Item 1 approved by consent

ACTION ITEMS

PROGRAM CHANGE

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| 1. Biology | Jae-Hyuk Yu, | 1:05:1:10pm |
| +Evolutionary Biology | Sarah Kuba, Kyle Webert | |
| +Plant Biology | | |
| Updating list of capstones to permanently include BOTANY/F&W ECOL/ZOOLOGY 460 and ZOOLOGY/ENVIR ST 511, which were listed as temporary approvals. | | |
| **Descriptive memos with rationales are attached to the proposal and in Box. | | |
| https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=38 | | |
| https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=284 | | |
| https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=998 | | |

Guests: Kuba, Webert, Xue (co-chair)

Background: The Biology major accepts several courses to fulfill capstone requirement. These two courses were provisionally accepted by the CALS Curriculum Committee a few years ago because it was not clear whether the courses met the criteria for a capstone.

The courses have both been revised since that time with the CALS capstone criteria in mind, and the department has provided detailed memos of how they believe these courses meet the criteria.

Other discussion: in the past, the Biology major only accepted courses with labs as a capstone. The Biology major accepts lab or research to meet capstone.

Motion to approve the two courses as permanent capstones for Biology: Balster/Courtenay

Vote: 7-0-0, accepted

The committee felt that there might be a difference between graduate or undergraduate courses. There was also some discussion that topics may be being used inappropriately to indicate seminar courses, which could help clean up some of these courses that have been taught multiple times.

Topics courses are not eligible for certain funding resources.