

# Minutes

CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, February 11, 2020, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.  
253 Soils Hall

Voting Members Present: Balster, Wattiaux, Goldman, Holden, Kucharik, Anderson  
Student Member: Dolma  
Ex Officio: Barber, Ackerman-Yost

Meeting started 1:00pm.

Welcome to Sonam!

## CONSENT AGENDA

1. Review meeting minutes from January 28, 2020. Balster 1:00-1:05pm
2. **Course change: lowering level of course from above 700-level to 600-level graduate/undergraduate course**  
POP HLTH/GENETICS/MD GENET 636: Public Health Genomics  
Effective Spring 2021  
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=7450>

Items 1 and 2 above approved by consent.

## ACTION ITEMS

1. **New course** Anderson 1:05-1:15pm  
**BIOCHEM 924** – Membrane Protein Structure and Function  
Effective Spring 2021  
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=12155>

Motion to approve: Anderson/Kucharik

Description: Updated grading rubrics and readings provided to address previous concerns.

Vote: 5-0-1

1. **REVISIT FROM 12/10/2019, 12/28/2019** Kucharik 1:15-1:25pm  
**Course change: 1 to 2-3 credits, title change, course description**  
**GENETICS 522:** Communicating Evolutionary Biology  
Effective Fall 2020  
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=4658>

Motion to approve: Kucharik/Goldman

Description: Updated grading and other information in syllabus, along with a narrative, provided to address previous concerns.

Vote: 6-0-0

2. **REVISIT FROM 12/28/2019**

1:25-1:35pm

Genetics and Genomics capstone request: GENETICS 522  
Information is attached to course proposal (linked above)

Motion to accept as capstone: Goldman/Balster

Discussion: Updated syllabus and narrative information provided to address previous concerns. Committee discussed the fit of this course to the Genetics and Genomics program but took into account that the departmental curriculum committee approved the course as a capstone. Committee is a bit concerned that this course may not be as learner-centered as is a best practice for capstone courses.

Vote: 5-0-1

3. Topics Course Policy

Ackerman-Yost 1:35-2:30pm

Motion to approve: Balster/Goldman

Discussion: The policy doesn't have details about how it will be rolled out, so the length of time departments have to come into compliance should be communicated in a cover letter or other details. The committee also discussed the practice of CALS that topics courses be 375, 675, and 875, but that there are certain courses within CALS that don't follow that convention. Megan indicated that this may be part of the "Clean-up" process during the implementation phase – providing departments with an opportunity to update a course currently designated as a Topics course to a non-topics course.

Vote: 6-0-0

**INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Feb 28<sup>th</sup> is the joint CALS/L&S Curriculum Committee meeting. If anyone has any topics, they should let Megan know.