

Minutes

CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 8, 2020, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Voting members present: Courtenay, Goldman, Holden, Kucharik, Ney, Van Pijkeren, Vermillion Kalmon, Wattiaux

Student Members present: Mui

Absent: Rossman

Ex Officio: Barber, Ackerman-Yost

Minutes Taken by: Arnfelt

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Review meeting minutes from May 12, 2020
2. Course change: requisites changed from [Junior standing; (MATH 112 and 113) or MATH 114 or placement into MATH 221.] to [Satisfied Quantitative Reasoning (QR) A requirement and not open to first year freshmen]
NUTR SCI 379 - Introduction to Epidemiology
Effective Spring 2021
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=12981>

Item 1 and 2 approved by consent.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Course change: increase credits, add Sustainability, add CLOs
BSE 473 – Water Management Systems
Effective Fall 2021
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=1317> Kucharik/Courtenay

Motion to approve (Kucharik, Courtenay)

Discussion: The committee found that the course was being updated and concluded that it met all requirements and was beneficial to students. The committee discussed how the course met its credit hour requirement and noted that the course description did not provide much detail. Ten percent of a student's grade is participation, which by policy does not require a rubric unless it is over 10%, however it would be helpful to include one. The committee suggested that a more detailed course description and a participation rubric would be helpful to students.

Vote: 8-0-0

2. Course change: add LAS credit/level and breadth; remove grad attribute; update requisites, CLOs, and course description
AN SCI/DY SCI 373 – Animal Physiology
Effective Spring 2021
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=2773> Courtenay/Ney

Motion to defer for feedback from instructor (Courtenay, Ney)

Discussion: The committee had concerns about the overlap with other physiology courses, as a review of the syllabus did not clearly indicate that the course focused on animal species and not a human-based comparison. The committee also noted that the grading point values were not clear and that the CLOs overlapped.

Vote: 8-0-0

3. Course change: number change (preparation for subject listing merger); remove grad attribute; update course description, prerequisites, and CLOs Holden/Ney
DY SCI 378 – Lactation Physiology
Effective Spring 2021
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=2764>

Motion to approve (Holden, Ney)

Discussion: The committee is supportive of the changes but noted that there was no grading scale to tie the student's points to a letter grade. The committee noted that there were a large number of learning outcomes, and recommended that the instructor consider refining the learning outcomes to only those being adequately assessed and necessary for successful completion of the course. Approval pending completion of grading scale.

Vote 8-0-0

4. Course change: increase credits, add LAS credit/level and breadth Wattiaux/Vermillion-Kalmon
A A E 322 – Commodity Markets
Effective Spring 2021
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=10>

Motion to defer (Wattiaux, Kalmon)

Discussion: The committee reviewed the proposal and syllabus, and found that although it was largely sufficient, it was not clear that the course met the requirements for four credits, both for instructional hours and out-of-class work. In particular, it was not clear how students would achieve eight hours/week of out-of-class work.

Vote 8-0-0

5. New course Goldman/Van Pijkeren
NUTR SCI 726 Nutritional Management of Gastrointestinal Disorders
Effective Spring 2021
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=13383>

Motion to remove from 9/8/2020 agenda upon request from department (Goldman, Ney)

Vote 8-0-0

6. Program change: curriculum update to restructure curriculum Kucharik/Holden
Microbiology PhD

Effective Spring 2021

<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=788>

Motion to approve (Kucharik, Holden)

Discussion: The committee found the minor changes proposed for the PhD program to be appropriate. The committee discussed the requirement for the grad committee to be five members, but concluded that it was the department's choice to exceed the minimum requirement of four members.

Vote 8-0-0

7. Program change: curricular update to remove tracks and adjust Wattiaux/Goldman
electives

Nutritional Sciences, MS

Effective Spring 2021

<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=665>

Motion to approve pending confirmation with department by Academic Affairs that reduction of coursework is compliant with policy (Wattiaux, Goldman)

Discussion: The committee discussed that there will be several changes coming for both the MS and PhD programs, but the current program proposal is to remove the tracks and make minor course updates. The committee is in support of removing the tracks. It was suggested to share a document of all these changes and the committee felt that would be helpful. Academic Affairs to follow up before approval to confirm credit amount of coursework complies with university policy.

Vote: 8-0-0

8. Program change: curricular update to remove tracks and adjust Wattiaux/Goldman
electives

Nutritional Sciences, PhD

Effective Spring 2021

<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=794>

Motion to approve pending confirmation with department by Academic Affairs that reduction of coursework is compliant with policy (Wattiaux, Goldman)

Discussion: This was similar to action item number 7. The committee is supportive of removal of tracks. Academic Affairs to follow up before approval to confirm credit amount of coursework complies with university policy.

Vote 8-0-0

INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Meeting adjourned 2:37pm.