

# Minutes

CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, September 22, 2020, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

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

Student Members present: Mui

Absent: Ney, Rossman

Ex Officio: Ackerman-Yost

Minutes Taken by: Arnfelt

## CONSENT AGENDA

1. Review meeting minutes from September 8, 2020
2. FOOD SCI Requisite Amnesty Ackerman-Yost

Item 1 and 2 approved by consent.

## ACTION ITEMS

1. REVISIT: Course change: add LAS credit/level and breadth; Courtenay/Ney  
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>

Motion to approve (Courtenay, Wattiaux)

Discussion: The department resolved concerns regarding the overlap with other physiology courses and the animal-based nature of the course.

Vote: 7-0-0

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

Motion to approve (Wattiaux, Vermillion Kalmon)

Discussion: The committee previously had concerns if the course met the requirements for four credits, both for instructional hours and out-of-class work. There was clarification on the number of hours required outside of classwork so the committee was supportive of this change to increase credits.

Vote: 7-0-0

3. Course change: change from Cr/No Cr to A/F; updated title, and course description Goldman/Van Pijkeren  
**INTER-AG 388** – CALS Honors – Fundamentals of Research Seminar  
Effective Spring 2021  
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=5759>

Motion to approve pending more information (Goldman, Van Pijkeren)

Discussion: The committee is supportive of the changes of credit/no credit but noted that certain characteristics of the course required clarification – notably, the age of the textbook, the nature of the assignments to demonstrate appropriate amount of work for credit hour requirements, the breakdown of lecture vs. discussion, and how often participation is scored. The committee also requested information on when students receive feedback on their participation scores, since it is such a large proportion of the grade.

Vote: 6-0-1

### INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Program Change:** Biology Ackerman-Yost  
Effective Spring 2021  
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=38>

Change is in response to previously-approved program proposals for Neurobiology and Molecular and Cell Biology, which disallowed double majors with Biology.

2. Dependent on time, discussion regarding semester changes Goldman

There are 86 entities within CALS where we are looking for key contact personnel (faculty contact for each program and grad programs). It was discussed that we will start with the committee for data collection. After that, it was suggested to send a survey to department chairs to complete the information needed.

Meeting adjourned 2:32 pm.