

# Minutes

CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, January 26, 2021, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

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

Student Members present: Mui

Absent: Holden, Rossman

Ex Officio: Barber, Ackerman-Yost

Minutes Taken by: Arnfelt

## CONSENT AGENDA

1. Review meeting minutes from January 11 and 12, 2021 Goldman 1:00p
2. De-activated courses, effective Fall 2021
  - a. AN SCI 220: <https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=411>
  - b. AN SCI 221: <https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=412>
  - c. AN SCI 250: <https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=413>
  - d. AN SCI 430: <https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=433>
  - e. AN SCI 433: <https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=436>
  - f. AN SCI 444: <https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=439>

Item 1 and 2 approved by consent.

## ACTION ITEMS

1. Program Changes: Changes to Honors in the Major requirements Goldman/Wattiaux 1:05p  
Microbiology, BS  
Effective Fall 2021  
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=48>

Motion to approve (Goldman, Wattiaux)

Discussion: The committee discussed how the elective list would be changed with updated and new courses. With these changes, the two versions of the major (L&S and CALS) will have more similar requirements for Honors in the Major. Also, this change supports the Microbiology and Biochemistry Hub, since the updated requirements better with the Biochemistry Honors in Major.

Vote 7-0-0

2. Program Changes: admissions requirement changes Kucharik/Goldman 1:15p  
Certificate in Global Health  
Effective Fall 2021  
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=191>

Motion to approve (Kucharik, Goldman)

Discussion: The committee discussed removing declaration requirements to complete a core course so this would help draw in a younger population. The certificate is mostly junior and seniors so this change would allow more students to declare at an earlier stage in their academic career. There is also a change to have all certificate courses require a "C" grade instead of an overall GPA requirement. This includes elective courses in the certificate.

Vote 6-0-1

3. Program Changes: Change to Core course Holden/Van Pijkeren 1:25p  
Global Health, BS  
Effective Fall 2021  
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=1079>

Motion to approve (Van Pijkeren, Goldman)

Discussion: The program proposes to replace an existing core course with a course that was just approved (Micro 345). The committee discussed that this was straightforward and had no issues with these changes.

Vote 6-1-0

4. Re-review: New Course Wattiaux/Ney 1:35p  
**PL PATH/A A E/AGRONOMY/HORT 367:**  
Introduction to Organic Agriculture: Production, Markets, and Policy  
Effective Fall 2021  
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=14033>

Motion to approve (Wattiaux, Ney)

Discussion: The committee discussed that they are in support of this course. There were changes from the previous time this committee saw the proposal. The schedule of the course was laid out and the alignment of the assignments were covered. The committee provided some suggestions on the syllabus.

Vote 7-0-0

5. Re-review: New Course Courtenay/Kucharik 1:45p  
**SOIL SCI 211** – Soils and Climate Change  
Effective Summer 2021  
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=14014>

Motion to approve (Courtenay, Kucharik)

Discussion: The committee discussed the updates made to the proposal and were in support of those changes. The committee wanted to see the connection between weekly topics and readings, which was provided.

Vote 7-0-0

6. Re-review: New Course Vermillion Kalmon/Van Pijkeren 1:55p  
**SOIL SCI 585** – Using R for Soil and Environmental Sciences  
Effective Summer 2021  
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=14122>

Motion to approve with suggestions (Vermillion Kalmon, Goldman)

Discussion: The committee is in support of this new course. The proposal was updated to incorporate the committee's requirements. The committee noted that optional suggestions for improvement were not incorporated.

Vote 7-0-0

7. Course change: add grad attribute, update description, Courtenay/Vermillion Kalmon 2:05p  
Removing lab (decreasing credits)  
**AGRONOMY 340 / BOTANY 340 / HORT 340**: Plant Cell Culture and Genetic Engineering  
Effective Fall 2021  
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=341>

Motion to approve (Courtenay, Vermillion Kalmon)

Discussion: The committee is supportive of these changes. There was a concern of removing the lab component due to COVID reasons, but a committee member familiar with the course indicated that COVID is not the only reason for removing the lab from this course. Enrollment is a struggle for this course, so dropping the lab would help increase enrollment caps, as will decreasing the credits to 3 credits. This course is currently being offered as a 375 course this semester as a 3-credit lecture. The committee noted that a guideline what is expected for graduate students for the paper could be helpful.

Vote 6-1-0

### INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Named Option Suspension and Discontinuation Ackerman-Yost 2:15p  
**Resource and Energy Demand Analysis in the Agricultural and Applied Economics, MS**  
Effective Summer 2021  
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=2>

Discussion: The named option Resource and Energy Demand Analysis will be discontinued in the AAE program. The last student should be graduating this summer.

2. CALS Teaching and Advising Awards Ackerman-Yost/Goldman 2:20p
- a. [Spitzer Excellence in Teaching Award](#)
  - b. [WALSAA Outstanding Advisor Award](#) (can be student-nominated)
  - c. [Arthur J. and Ellen A. Maurer Extra Mile Award](#) (must be student-nominated)

Please: 1) review the award criteria; and 2) communicate the awards to students or others in your department.

Discussion: The nominations will be due in February and there will be process for this committee to review. It would be helpful to refresh your memory on each of these awards.

Meeting adjourned 2:28 pm