

Minutes

CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 9, 2021, 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: Barber, Ackerman-Yost

Minutes Taken by: Arnfelt

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Review meeting minutes from January 26, 2021.

Item 1 approved by consent

ACTION ITEMS

1. New Course

AN SCI 320 – Animal Health and Disease Kucharik/Holden
Effective Spring 2022
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=421>

Motion to approve (Kucharik, Goldman)

Discussion: The committee noted that the course has a clear description and the topics covered in the learning outcomes. The topics have been updated to meet the current academic needs for the students. Collegial feedback on items that could be added to the syllabus to provide more complete information to students or improve the grading were provided. The committee discussed the subjectiveness of participation grades and noted that instructors should be aware that this type of grading puts certain populations of students at a disadvantage. The committee also suggested that the course would benefit more students if it had LAS credit/level, but there may be a time constraint for adding this extra step. It was noted that adding LAS credit/level is a decision by the instructor and department, not a college decision. The committee also discussed the content covered in Introductory Biology courses, and the need for courses to verify when requisite content is covered.

Vote: 6-0-0

2. Course change – adding crosslisting, adding grad attribute, update CLOs

MICROBIO/CIV ENGR/SOIL SCI 425 – Environmental Microbiology Van Pijkeren/Wattiaux
Effective Spring 2022
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=421>

Motion to approve (Van Pijkeren, Goldman)

Discussion: This change adds a crosslisting with Civil Engineering. The committee discussed that syllabus is very detailed on expectations; more guidance on the project aspect in the grading would be helpful for students, but not necessary for college approval. The committee questioned why Civil Engineering

should be added as a crosslist. It was discussed that the Civil Engineering program is accredited and uses crosslisting for its accreditation. Additionally, the instructor has a joint appointment.

The committee was concerned that civil engineering students may not have any Microbiology background, and wanted to ensure that there were processes in place to ensure these students had the academic preparation necessary to succeed in the course. Academic Affairs will follow up on this and some questions about the program.

Vote: 6-0-0

3. Requisite Amnesty – Animal Sciences and Dairy Science

Goldman/Courtenay

Motion to approve (Courtenay, Goldman)

Discussion: First, Goldman reminded the committee what requisite amnesty is and the process. Requisite amnesty allows a program to update as a “batch.” This process ensures that requisites are in one spot, so students know where to look and allows controls in enrollment.

Vote: 5-1-1

INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Meeting adjourned 1:58 pm