

Minutes

CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 26, 2021, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
6201 MSB

Voting members present: Forest, Goldman, Lankau, Ney, Van Pijkeren, Vermillion Kalmon, Wagner
Student Members present: Banüelos, Mui
Ex Officio: Ackerman-Yost, Barber
Minutes Taken by: Arnfelt

Chair for this meeting: Irwin Goldman

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Review meeting minutes from October 12, 2021

Item 1 approved by consent.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Course change – change (title change, credit increase, etc)**

BOTANY/F&W ECOL 402 –

Dendrology: Woody plant identification and ecology

Effective Spring 2022

<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=1240>

1:05-1:15pm

Vermillion Kalmon/Goldman

Motion to approve pending clarification, delegated to Academic Affairs (Vermillion Kalmon, Goldman)

Discussion: The committee was in support of this course proposal and noted that the syllabus had some helpful details on the relationship of the course content to learning outcomes. The committee recommended some updated to the learning outcomes to ensure that they were observable and measurable, and also suggested clarification of the Quests, as it was not clear whether these were separate from or part of the “On Your Own” information in the course schedule. The committee noted that the graduate assessment information must be clarified and that the proposer does not have information about the relationship to HORT 263, which is a related course. The committee delegated review of these items to CALS Academic Affairs.

Vote: 7-0-0

2. **Course Change (credit decrease, course component change)**

AN SCI/DY SCI 101 – Introduction to Animal Sciences

Effective Summer 2022

<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=407>

1:15-1:25pm

Lankau/Ney

Motion to approve (Lankau, Ney)

Discussion: This proposal will remove the lab section from this course to accommodate more students and increase the audience. The committee noted that the lab is being proposed as a separate course, also on this agenda. The committee recommended updating one of the learning outcomes to be observable and measurable. Members also suggested providing more details on the discussions and term paper, including due dates and weighting of draft submissions.

Vote: 7-0-0

3. **New Course** 1:25-1:35pm
AN SCI/DY SCI 102 – Introduction to Animal Sciences Lab Forest/Ney
Effective Spring 2022
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=89316>

Motion to approve (Forest, Ney)

Amended motion to postpone pending clarification from the reviewer (Forest, Ney)

Discussion: This proposal represents the introductory lab, which is being separated from the lecture. After some discussion, the committee determined that some updates and clarification were needed to approve this course, including more information about the lab reports and their importance/role in the course; the timelines and weights allocated to the pre and post lab reports; more details on the group presentation; information about the readings required for the course; and some revisions to the learning outcomes. The committee specifically noted that since this course is meant for first-year students, explanations and expectations are particularly important for student success. The information provided in this course should prepare students for future lab courses in the biological sciences.

Vote: 7-0-0

4. **New Course** 1:35-1:45pm
ENTOM 570 – Systems Thinking in Global Health Wagner/van Pijkeren
Effective Spring 2022
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=89312>

Motion to approve pending minor revisions, delegated to Academic Affairs (Wagner, van Pijkeren)

Discussion: The committee supports this proposal, pending revision of one of the learning outcomes for a grammar error. The committee also recommended review of the learning outcomes for observability and measurability. It was also suggested that the rubric in the syllabus indicate the score given if students do not attend class, as all the scores provided assumed attendance. The committee noted that it would be beneficial to include information about the requisites in the Advanced attribute rationale.

Vote: 7-0-0

5. **Revisit: New Course** 1:55-2:05pm
NUTR SCI 657 – Management in Dietetics Goldman/Lankau
Effective Spring 2022
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=89266>

Motion to approve pending clarification, delegated to Academic Affairs (Goldman, Lankau)

Discussion: The committee is in support of this course proposal. Clarification is needed on some items listed in the syllabus that don't appear to be included in the grading breakdown. The committee noted that instructor involvement in the discussion is not clear in the syllabus.

Vote: 7-0-0

INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Report from joint curriculum committee (UCC)

Discussion: Van Pijkeren provided a brief update on the topics discussed at the joint committee meeting on October 22, 2021. The three topics covered in the meeting were the Cross-listing Working Group report, online courses, and Regular and Substantive Interaction. Schools and colleges provided feedback in these areas. The UCC did not provide additional instructions or clarification on cross-listing or how committees should review Regular and Substantive Interaction.