

Minutes

CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 20, 2022, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Remote: please contact ackermanyost@wisc.edu for connection information

Voting members present: Forest, Goldman, Kaspar, Lankau, Van Pijkeren, Vermillion Kalmon, Wagner

Voting members absent: Ney

Student Members absent: Banüelos

Ex Officio: Ackerman-Yost, Barber

Minutes Taken by: Arnfelt

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Graduate program changes – remove core courses, add teaching and tech writing to PhD

Animal Sciences MS

Animal Sciences PhD

Effective Fall 2022

<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=629>

<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=745>

2. Graduate program change - addition of teaching/outreach requirement

Horticulture PhD

Effective Fall 2022

<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=768>

Items 1-2 approved by consent

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Program Change – update to core course requirements, program learning outcomes, assessment plan, reorganization of electives Certificate in Global Health**

Effective Fall 2022

<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=191>

12:00-12:20pm

Guests: Todd Courtenay
Goldman/Wagner

Discussion with Guest: The program has revised its program learning outcomes, which had not been thoroughly re-evaluated in a number of years. New courses were incorporated into the certificate program as options for core courses, and elective courses were restructured and tightened in content to align with objectives. There are 700 students in the certificate program right now, so the hope is that these changes will ease enrollment pressure for students. The committee commented that because there are so many students in the program, there will be increased pressure on the courses added to the core options, so resources will need to go into this. The committee also expressed some concern that one of the courses used in the certificate is a capstone for the major.

Motion to approve (Goldman, Wagner)

Discussion: The committee is in support of all the changes and the guest provided a clear summary of all those changes. Concerns about the capacity of the program were reiterated, and the committee suggested a minor language change to the final learning outcome.

Vote: 6-0-0

2. Re-review: New course 12:20-12:30pm
Wagner/Vermillion Kalmon
- HORT 301** - (Horti)Cultural Roots: Communicating About Plant-Human Systems
Effective Fall 2022
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=89420>

Motion to approve (Wagner, Vermillion Kalmon)

Discussion: The committee supports the updates on the reflection of the title and description.

Vote: 5-0-1

3. Re-review: New course 12:30-12:40pm
Lankau/Wagner
- HORT 333** – Controlled Environment Food Production
Effective Fall 2022
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=89269>

Motion to approve (Lankau, Wagner)

Discussion: The revised proposal provided an updated title and description to differentiate this course from related courses.

Vote: 5-0-1

4. New course 12:40-12:50pm
Forest/van Pijkeren
- SOIL SCI 327** – Environmental Monitoring and Soil Characterization for Earth's Critical Zone
Effective Fall 2022
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=89458>

Motion to approve with pending verification with Academic Affairs (Forest, van Pijkeren)

Discussion: The committee supports the new course. They noted that the course meets for three hours per week plus two large field trips, so students may not be fully prepared for the four-credits-worth of work outside of class. The committee recommended that the instructors be clear with students about the work. The committee requested that Academic Affairs follow up to clarify the graduate-level assessments and alignment with the CLOs. The committee noted that some of the learning outcomes were more tasks and not outcomes.

Vote: 6-0-0

5. Course change: increase to 4 credits (combine 437 and 438) 12:50-1:00pm
Lankau/Vermillion Kalmon
- FOOD SCI 437** – Food Service Operations
Effective Fall 2022
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=4309>

Motion to approve (Lankau, Vermillion Kalmon)

Discussion: The committee supports the increase in credits to reflect combining two courses.

Vote: 5-0-1

INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Meeting adjourned 12:50