

# Minutes

CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> 2023, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.  
6201 MSB

## Voting Members:

- Jan Peter Van Pijkeren, Co-Chair (2023)
- Richard Lankau, Co-Chair (2024)
- Charles Kaspar (2024)
- Katie Vermillion Kalmon (2023)
- Tera Holtz (2024)
- Anna Pidgeon (2025)
- Sebastian Bednarek (2025)
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## Non-Voting Members:

CALS Ex Officio:

- Karen Wassarman
- Megan Ackerman-Yost
- Diana Frantz Anderson

Chair: Lankau

Voting Members Present: Lankau, Pidgeon, Holtz, Bednarek, Vermillion Kalmon, Kaspar

Ex Officio Present: Frantz Anderson

Minutes: Frantz Anderson

## CONSENT AGENDA

1. Review meeting minutes from [January 10, 2023](#)
2. **Course Change** – INTER-AG 340: Career and Leadership Development for Interns 1:00-1:10  
Reason: Add Workplace Attribute  
Last Approved: December 13, 2022  
FALL 2023  
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=89710>  
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## ACTION ITEMS

1. **Program Change** – MS: Biological Systems Engineering 1:10-1:20  
Reason: Updating admissions, requirements, and policies to accurately reflect program practice. Guest:  
FALL 2023 Krishnapuram  
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=600> Karthikeyan  
Reviewers:  
Pidgeon/  
Vermillion Kalmon

Guest: Program updating admissions, requirements, and policies to accurately reflect program practice, provide consistency, and respond to the needs of students from international institutions and students from a variety of STEM backgrounds. Changes include: 1. Remove ABET admissions stipulation. 2. Change from 28 credits in specific subject area to 21 credits from a broader range of STEM fields. 3. Changing “Letter Graded Coursework” to “Physical Science” to reduce ambiguity.

Motion to Approve (with review by Academic Affairs): Pidgeon, Vermillion Kalmon

Discussion with Guest: The Committee was in favor of the changes requested but expressed questions regarding the “Physical Science” requirement. Dr. Karthikeyan indicated that the goal was to provide more clarity around courses that will meet the requirement without being too restrictive.

Committee Discussion: The Committee recommends that the program work with Academic Affairs to provide further clarity around the “Physical Science” requirement, noting this is particularly confusing language as there is a Physical Science Breadth Attribute.

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2. **Re-Review** – F&W ECOL 449: Disturbance Ecology Lab (I): Herbivores and Fire 1:20-1:30  
FALL 2023 Holtz/Lankau  
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=89775>

Motion to Approve: Holtz, Lankau

Discussion: The Committee expressed support for this new course after reviewing the clarifications provided by the instructor around work load, skills taught, and learning outcomes. Clarifying work load and skills learned. Addressed the learning outcomes and why they are the same. Good job answering questions. Clarity provided.

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3. **Re-Review** – F&W ECOL 450: Disturbance Ecology Lab (II): Forest Pathogens 1:30-1:40  
FALL 2023 Lankau/Holtz  
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=89778>

Motion to Approve: Lankau, Holtz

Discussion: The Committee expressed support for this new course after reviewing the clarifications provided by the instructor around work load, skills taught, and learning outcomes. Clarifying work load and skills learned. Addressed the learning outcomes and why they are the same. Good job answering questions. Clarity provided.

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4. **RE-Review** – HORT 372: Seminar in Organic Agriculture 1:40-1:50  
Reason: Change LAS level, remove requisites Kaspar/Bednarek  
FALL 2023  
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=87919>

Motion to Approve: Kaspar, Bednarek

Discussion: Changes to learning outcomes and discussion points were made as requested.

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5. **New Course** – FOOD SCI 725: Advanced Food Microbiology  
Spring 2024  
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=89866>
- 1:50-2:00  
Vermillion Kalmon/  
Kaspar

Motion to Approve (with review by Academic Affairs): Vermillion Kalmon, Kaspar

Discussion: The Committee recommended revisions to learning outcome #3 and that the relationship to M & I 740 be addressed.

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6. **Obsolete Course Waiver** - C&E SOC / SOC / GEN&WS 215: Gender and Work  
in Rural America  
Fall 2023  
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=86307>
- 2:00-2:10  
Bednarek/Pidgeon

Motion to Table: Lankau, Bednarek

Discussion: Course has not received approval from cross-listed subjects.

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#### INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Adjourned: 2:05pm