Minutes
CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 24, 2023, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
6201 MSB

Voting Members:
• Rick Lankau, co-chair (2024)
• Sebastian Bednarek, co-chair (2025)
• Charles Kaspar (2024)
• Tera Holtz (2024)

• Anna Pidgeon (2025)
• Chuck Nicholson (2026)
• Makayla Schuchardt (2026)

Non-Voting Members:
Ex-Officio:
• Megan Ackerman-Yost
• Diana Frantz Anderson

Student Members:
• Hansini Ayyavaripally
• Kaelyn Stephenson

Meeting Chair: Lankau
Voting Members Present: Bednarek, Kaspar, Holtz, Lankau
Student Members Present: Ayyavaripally, Stephenson
Ex-officio present: Frantz Anderson

Consent Agenda
1. Review meeting minutes from October 10, 2023
   https://uwmadison.box.com/s/6azlr2e4aofuqf5dwkzjit4dkbe0101k

   Approved by consent.

   Action Items
   https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=1441

   Guest Discussion: Guests indicated that this program is being proposed to complement current offerings at both the master’s and bachelor’s levels. Meets ongoing industry demand for an Agribusiness master’s program.

   Committee Questions: Guests addressed questions regarding the following: Difference between new masters and this program including the differences in course of study and job outcomes. Clarified that the two terms of the internship can be completed at two different placements. There are not many competing programs around the country. Purpose of the program is to train scientific managers who can wear many hats and talk to a variety of audiences. Interest in program was assessed through student surveys; discussion with international universities and industry.
Motion to approve: Bednarek/Kaspar

Committee Discussion: The committee discussed that the rationale and the design for the program is acceptable.

4-0-0

3. **Re-Review: General Bioinformatics for Microbiologists**
   
   Reason: Distinguish 357 from 657. Description of work outside classroom.
   
   Effective: Spring 2024
   
   [https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=89999](https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=89999)

Motion to approve: Holtz/Lankau

Discussion: Requested updates were made and differentiation from graduate course in the department was made. Recommendation to review learning outcome #3.

3-0-1

4. **Course Change: Genetics/MD Genetics 565: Human Genetics**
   
   Reason: Update durable content to reflect current subject matter.
   
   Effective: Fall 2024
   
   [https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=4666](https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=4666)

Motion to postpone until next meeting: Holtz/Lankau

Discussion: Committee needs more time to review syllabus details.

4-0-0

5. **New Course: F&W ECOL 395: Data and GIS Tools for Ecology**
   
   Effective: Spring 2024
   
   [https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=89899](https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=89899)

Motion to approve: Bednarek/Holtz

Discussion: Recommend reviewing title and learning outcomes. Minor edit to clarify credit hour.

Motion: 4-0-0

**Informational and Discussion Items**

2:02pm