

# Minutes

CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, December 12, 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

Members Present: Holtz, Kaspar, Pidgeon, Bednarek, Schuchardt

Ex-Officio Present: Ackerman-Yost, Frantz Anderson

Student Members Present: Stephenson, Ayyavaripally

## Consent Agenda

1. Review meeting minutes from 11-28-23 1:00-1:05  
<https://uwmadison.box.com/s/dgt5wapddr4y83yrnuy9s7ezbkhtk404>
2. Course Change: FOOD SCI 140: The Chocolate Experience: Science, Society, and Sustainability 1:05-1:10  
Effective: FALL 2024  
Reason: Add LAS Designation  
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=89744>

Approved by consent.

## Action Items

3. Program Change: Nutrition and Metabolism, MS and PhD 1:10-1:30  
Effective: FALL 2024  
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=665>  
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=794>  
Effective: FALL 2024  
MS Reason: Add new 3-credit course (NUTR SCI 618). Remove 1 credit courses (NUTR SCI 621, 623, 625, 626, and 627). Add NUTR SCI 745.  
Guest: David Eide  
Nicholson/Bednarek

PhD Reason: Add new 3-credit course (NUTR SCI 618). Remove 1 credit courses (NUTR SCI 621, 623, 625, 626, and 627).

Guest Discussion: Program change for nutritional sciences based on changes in the fields. 618 was approved at the last meeting. Keeping 2 courses as electives. The other courses have been integrated into 618 with dated/obsolete topics removed. Program learning outcomes were changed in 2020. Name change was approved last year.

Motion to Approve: Bednarek/Kaspar

Discussion: Consider revisions to program learning outcomes based on described changes in the field. Consider clarifying required credits for practicum.

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4. Course Change: PL PATH / A A E / AGRONOMY / HORT 367 : Introduction to Organic Agriculture: Production, Markets, and Policy  
Effective: FALL 2024  
Last Approved: 03/21/23  
Reason: Change Requisite  
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=14033>

Motion to Approve: Kaspar/Holtz

Discussion: Change is straight-forward and syllabus includes all requirements.

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5. New Course: AGROECOL 303: Agroecological Systems: Working Towards Sustainability  
Effective: FALL 2024  
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=90218>

Motion to Approve: Lankau/Schuchardt

Discussion: Check for overlap with PL PATH 311. Consider simplifying/clarifying the grading and number of assignments. Consider simplifying language in course description.

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6. New Course: AGROECOL 503: Agroecology Capstone  
Effective: FALL 2024  
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/courseadmin/?key=90211>

Motion to defer: Lankau/Pidgeon

Discussion: Include more detail in all areas of syllabus to understand the skills and knowledge acquired in the course. Remove program learning outcomes. Describe the relationship between 8 topics and 5 major themes. Describe final theme “integrative,” as course as a whole is intended to be integrative. Demonstrate higher order skills necessary for a capstone.

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2:07pm

Informational and Discussion Items