Minutes
CALS Curriculum Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 9, 2017, 12:00 p.m.
250 Agricultural Hall

Voting Members Present: Albrecht, Barak-Cunningham, Engels, Gould, Lenertz-Lindemer, Turnquist
Voting Members Absent: Balster, Choi, Reaves, Runde
Non-Voting Members Present: Bollig, Grill

Meeting Called to Order: 12:06

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Review meeting minutes from April 25th, 2017

Item 1 approved by consent

COURSE PROPOSALS

2. **370 PATH BIO** Addressing Controversy: The Science, Ethics, and Communication of Animal Research – new course; effective Spring 2017-2018

    LEAD: Albrecht

Motion to approve: Albrecht; Gould

- Eric Sangren is the instructor of the course, Rob Striefer (CALS) will be a guest lecturer. There will be more guest lectures that have not been identified
- Trish Mcconell taught a zoology course that is similar, but with less of a science focus
- There are other courses that are similar in nature intended for vet grad students which are intended to meet NIH requirements, and not open to undergrads
- It has not been confirmed whether or not something similar is taught in law school
- Eric was previously the director of RARC (research animal resource center)
- Question about why speakers are not listed, Sangren will teach the majority of the course but the speakers have not been finalized
- The course description states that both sides of the issues will be represented but it is not clear how the other side will be represented. Committee suggests that the instructor identifies how the other side will be represented – PETA ?
- Committee would like to see diversity in the speakers
- Not our course, but we anticipate that the course will be of interest to CALS Undergrads

Vote: 5-approved 0-denied 0-abstained

Action: Approved and provide feedback to instructor about representing both sides of the issues when selecting speakers

3. **341 C&E SOC** Labor in Global Food Systems—new course; effective Spring 2018-2019

    LEAD: Gould

Motion to approve: Gould, Turnquist

- Committee question about whether the proposer intended to make this effective for Spring 2019?AA will follow up to confirm
- There is potential for a Food Systems Certificate to be developed in CALS and this course could be part of the curriculum, but a faculty committee will identify which courses to include
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- There will be 23 readings that will affect grades, but no exams. There will be a final paper and presentation where students will identify a food item and follow the path to produce the item

Vote: 5-approved 0-denied 0-abstained

Action: Approve and follow up with Jane to confirm spring 2019

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Guide Update- Nikki Bollig

- Guide is the name for the new Catalog which is the first part of a suite of software purchased by campus in order to maintain a single source of curricular information
- Guide will be published on June 1st
- Benefits include: consistence look and feel across campus, Requirements on every page, courses are clickable and this provides additional information that takes extra work to find
  - Students are not able to register straight from the guide even though the potential of this has been discussed
- Nikki would like feedback for effectively partnering with departments in order to determine how make updates to curriculum moving forward
  - Previously, there was a 2 year cycle for updates
- Program Proposals and Program Change Proposal will also be included in the new suite of software
- The new timeline for review almost certainly will require departments to get all program changes to curriculum committee by February
- Feedback from the AAE department - all changes go through the Student Services Coordinator, and it is recommended that Nikki reaches out to this person
- Nikki is considering reaching out to Department Chairs, advisor partners, and Undergrad Committee Chairs
- Question from the committee about the updates schedule for theGrad Catalog- Historically this has been on opposite schedules. Two years from now all curriculum should be initiated in the fall semester in order to get to AA by January
- Grad catalog will be getting the full review next year. Grad Guide is facilitated by the Grad school
- Future potential for publishing the Guide in March along with schedule of classes
- Guide will be updated three times a year with the schedule of classes updates- this is not the time to allow curricular changes, but a time to input the schedule of classes data
- As part of the new software AA will no longer be maintaining curriculum sheets
- New enrollment tools are also being released in time for the incoming fall enrollment
  - There are upcoming labs to teach the new enrollment tools
  - enroll@wisc.edu to see the new enrollment tools from a public facing view
  - This will be the same for undergrads and grad students
  - Question from the committee about whether students will get a confirmation email or calendar? Unknown at this time
  - Students will still be able to enroll in their student center, but the student center does not have a scheduling component
  - This system will be maintained by the Registrar's Office
  - My UW Degree Plans is a tool that students can plan future courses and know how they will meet requirements in a What – IF DARS

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