

CAO Meeting # 6 (10/31/2023)

Present: Steven Van Dessel (Chair, CEAE), Greg Lewin (Secretary, RBE), Gizem Arslan (HUA), Nick Blank (Director of Academic Programs, Undergraduate Studies), Arne Gericke (CBC, Interim Dean of Undergraduate Studies), Jianyu Liang (MME), Sarah Miles (Registrar), Paul Reilly (Assistant Dean of Student Success), Qingshuo Song (MA)

Absent: Danielle Cote (MME)

Scheduled: Tuesday, October 31, 2023, 12pm

Location: Virtual meeting via video conference

Meeting was called to order at 12:01 pm.

New Business

1. Arne Gericke presented the proposed AY 24-25 Academic Calendar. Note that due to the insertion of Wellness Days (along with existing holidays), both the E1 and E2 summer sessions will be five weeks long.
2. A motion to add CN 3571, Contemporary China: Culture and Trends, was approved on the condition that the implementation date be changed to AY 24-25 (since that is the earliest the catalog can be changed). A motion to allow the equivalent experimental course, CN 357X, to run for a third time was approved to allow for continuity in the curriculum.

Old Business

1. The Committee considered several motions regarding the restructuring of the Biology and Biotechnology curriculum (first presented in Meeting #3 on Sept. 21). BBT has consulted with “neighboring departments” and plans to offer sufficient seats for students who intend to continue studies in life sciences and those who do not. Programs that rely on specific courses in BBT for their program requirements will be notified so that they can update their requirements accordingly. Courses with the mnemonic BB will still be available for the basic science requirement, as described in the catalog.
 - a. A motion to change the distribution requirements for the major was tabled administratively until the individual motions for courses have all been considered.
 - b. A motion to remove BB 1035, Biotechnology, was approved.
 - c. A parallel motion to add BB 1101, Foundations of Cellular and Molecular Biotechnology, was approved.
 - d. A motion to remove BB 1045, Biodiversity, was approved.
 - e. A parallel motion to add BB 1102, Foundations of Ecology and Environmental Biology, was approved.
 - f. A motion to add BB 1801, Foundations of Biology and Biotechnology Laboratory, was approved.

The Committee will consider several additional motions related to the restructuring in upcoming meetings.

The meeting concluded at 12:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Lewin
Secretary, CAO