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To: Laurel Shannon  
From: James Fredal. ASC CCI Sciences Subcommittee  
Re: Molecular Genetics BS Semester Conversion Proposal

Date: Feb 14, 2010

The Sciences subcommittee of the Arts and Sciences Committee on Curriculum and Instruction (ASC CCI) reviewed the semester conversion proposal for the Molecular Genetics BS on Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and voted unanimously to return the proposal with a few questions and corrections, numbered below, before forwarding the proposal on to the full CCI for approval. As you will see, the first three require a few corrections; only the fourth reflects a substantive concern.

1. There were a few questions about the four-year plans included in the proposal, leading to the suggestion that they either be removed or revised. In some places the freshman survey is left out, and in some places GEC courses are listed without credit requirements. There was also a sense that that "GE/Free Elective" designation would suggest that students could take free electives every semester, which would not be possible.
2. As a matter of consistency, in both curricular maps the Honors options of courses are sometimes listed and sometimes not. Also, when alternatives for one course are given, they are sometimes listed on the curricular maps and sometimes not.
3. MG 5797 and 5798 are left out in the list of semester courses for the Plant Cellular and Molecular Biology specialization.
4. Finally, there was some concern about MG 5606 being taken in the sophomore year, as it is now listed as a graduate course. Is it a problem that students will be taking such an advanced course so early in their career? The committee suggested either that a rationale be included or that the course be renumbered to the 4000 level.

We look forward to reviewing the revised proposal and anticipate sending it forward expeditiously to the full CCI for approval.

Thanks very much.

Jim F.

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