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To Rebecca Harvey Chair, Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee

Dear Rebecca,

The ASCC NMS Panel is pleased to forward the proposal for a change in the Mathematics requirements for the Microbiology BS degree program.

The proposed changes will give students flexibility in the choice of the introductory Calculus course, and allow them to explore other Mathematics courses in preparation for emerging areas of Molecular Microbiology.

The ASCC NMS Panel discussed the Data Analytics major in detail at the ASCC NMS Panel meeting on August 26, 2013.

It was noted that the proposed changes are limited to the prerequisites, and that the Microbiology major itself does not change.

Minor concerns:

The proposal did not provide a rational for the proposed change. Furthermore, it was not clear whether Stats 2450 was purposely omitted.

The ASCC NMS Panel voted unanimously in support of the proposed changes to the Microbiology BS with contingencies. The contingencies have been addressed in the resubmitted proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, ASCC NMS Panel