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Subject: RE: Microbiology BS/MS
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Dear Professors Kwiek and Rappleve,

On Thursday, November 5, the Natural and Mathematical Sciences Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a revised proposal to create a new combined BS/MS in Microbiology.

I am happy to report that proposal was approved with the following contingency and comment:

- Contingency: Clarify the distinction between the thesis and non-thesis options.
 - Provide clarification on the final evaluation for each track. For example, it is unclear if all students participate in the exit defense.
 - Clarify how the tracks are assessed and mapped to the program goals. Program goal #7 evaluates the master's defense, and program goal #8 evaluates written communication using the master's thesis. It is unclear how these goals are measured for non-thesis students. If the master's defense is used for both tracks, the Panel suggest mapping this to other program goals as well.
- Comment regarding assessment plan: A combined program proposal needs to include the individual assessment plan for both the undergraduate degree and graduate degree. The methods used to assess the program goals for the combined program should be the same for the individual programs. Program goal #6 says "The target goal is for 85% of the BS/MS majors to achieve a B or better in their masters' core courses and related electives," which indicates that assessment is not the same for all MS students for this goal. This should be addressed.

Please send the revised copy of the proposal to me or Bernadette Vankeerbergen (cc'd here).

Should you have any questions about the feedback above, do not hesitate to contact Wendy Panero (cc'd here), faculty Chair of the Natural and Mathematical Sciences Panel, or me.

My best,
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Dear Professors Kwiek and Rappleve,

On Monday, August 26, the Natural and Mathematical Sciences Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a proposal to create a new combined BS/MS in Microbiology.

The Panel did not vote on the proposal as they would like the following points addressed:

- Appendix C1 shows students completing General Education (GE) requirements in the fourth year. Confirm with the Graduate School that students in combined BS/MS programs are able to finish GE requirements in their fourth year of study when they are considered graduate students.
- Provide a 5 year plan that includes all 5 years of the BS/MS.
- Page three of the proposal states that “As graduate students, students in the combined BS/MS program may receive financial support through appointment as graduate teaching assistants (GTAs) depending on the student’s interests and the availability of teaching positions and funding in the Department.” This is not compatible with section 8.1.12 of the Graduate School Handbook. Students in combined bachelor’s/master’s programs can hold a GA appointment that does not involve teaching of other students. Correct this in the proposal.
- Provide a program assessment plan.
- Correct the following typos:
 - Biochemistry 5411 should be 4511 (page 4).
 - The Microbiology BS advising sheet on page 13 and the BS/MS advising sheet on page 17 list the options of Physics 1200 or 1201 as prerequisites. This should be 1200 or 1250.
- Recommendation: Formally revise the MS with the college and with the Graduate School to match the curriculum provided in the proposal. The curriculum has not been officially revised since semester conversion.

Please send a revised copy of the proposal to me or to Bernadette Vankeerbergen (cc’d here).

Should you have any questions about the feedback above, do not hesitate to contact Harald Vaessin (cc’d here), faculty Chair of the NMS Panel, or me.

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