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Alison Crocetta
Chair, ASCC

Dear Alison,

The NMS Panel of the ASCC reviewed and discussed the Earth Science-BS program revision request at the regular NMS panel meeting on September 9, 2019.

The proposed revisions to the Earth Science-BS are based on a yearlong process that included data collection from ASC graduation exit surveys, student feedback panels, and a survey of similar programs at peer and aspirational institutions. The changes will permit students to control areas of depth and breath, offer flexibility to complete double majors, provide students with clearer guidance on how to plan a curriculum that meets their career goals, and modernize the course offerings and align them with national trends.

Specifically, the revised curriculum eliminates unnecessary prerequisites and requires students to take a minor, double major, or certificate program. The proposed changes to the curriculum will prepare students better for their respective careers.

The proposed changes to the Earth Science-BS are compelling and well designed. The NMS panel unanimously approved the proposed changes with several contingencies and recommendations, all of which have been addressed.

The NMS Panel forwards the proposal to ASCC for approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Harald Vaessin", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Dr. Harald Vaessin
Chair, NMS Panel of ASCC
Professor and Chair, Molecular Genetics