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Good afternoon,

On Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, the Natural and Mathematical Sciences Subcommittee of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a new course request for Microbiology 6030.

I am pleased to report that the Subcommittee unanimously approved the request with one comment, two contingencies, and two recommendations:

- **Comment:** The Subcommittee believes that this course will be both an excellent inclusion with the Microbiology graduate program and an incredibly helpful course for their students.
- **Contingency:** The Subcommittee asks that language be provided in the syllabus that is inclusive of a student (such a student in the Master's program) that is not writing a dissertation. Currently, under the "Assessment" section on page 1, it states that students will draft a written component based on their own dissertation research project. However, a student enrolled within the Master's program would not be completing a dissertation, and therefore, it is difficult to see how that particular student would be assessed. Additionally, the Subcommittee asks the language mention "pre-candidacy Master's students" be clarified, as MS students do not take a candidacy.
- **Contingency:** The Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee recently updated the list of required syllabus statements for all syllabi within the College to include a statement on religious accommodations. This new, required statement is a result of a directive by the Executive Vice President and Provost and [can be found here on the ASC Curriculum and Assessment Services website](#). The Subcommittee thanks you for adding this statement to your course syllabus.
- **Recommendation:** The Subcommittee noted that students will be receiving feedback via a faculty member and a post-candidacy student, as discussed on page 1. They recommend clarifying in the course syllabus how the post-candidacy student and faculty member will be chosen.
- **Recommendation:** The Subcommittee offers the friendly recommendation to update the Student Life – Disability Services statement in the course syllabus, as they recently updated it for the 2023-24 academic year. The most up-to-date [Student Life – Disability Services statement can be found here](#) on the ASC Curriculum and Assessment website.

I will return Microbiology 6030 to the departmental queue via curriculum.osu.edu in order to address the Subcommittee's above feedback.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Ian Hamilton, faculty Chair of the Natural and Mathematical Sciences Subcommittee, or me.

All my best,  
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