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Chair, Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee

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Dear Chair and Members of the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee:

On September 14, 2023, the Natural and Mathematical Sciences Subcommittee reviewed a request from the Center for Life Sciences Education to add an Integrated General Biology Specialization to the BA and BS Biology major programs, to be implemented for the Autumn 2024 semester.

The proposed specialization in Integrated General Biology would be the fourth specialization in the Biology major programs, alongside the existing specializations in Pre-Health Professions, Life Sciences Education, and Forensic Biology. As the three existing specializations are tailored toward particular career paths, the specialization in Integrated General Biology is designed to provide a broad education in Biology and offer a pathway for students who do not intend to pursue careers in these areas.

The proposed specialization includes one core course that is shared by all specializations, and six required majors courses that reflect a broad range of subdisciplines within Biology and which align to the goals and expected learning outcomes of the Biology majors.

The NMS Subcommittee voted unanimously to approve the request with no recommendations, and the proposal is now advanced to the ASCC with a motion to approve.

Sincerely,

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Chair, ASCC Natural and Mathematical Sciences Subcommittee