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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 May 1, 2024, the Natural and Mathematical Sciences Subcommittee reviewed a request by the Center for Life Sciences Education to modify the core course requirements for the BS and BA in Biology and the Biology minor, in addition to a number of minor updates. The proposal splits Biology 3401 into two new courses: Biology 3501, a course focused on the core skills necessary for Biology students to be successful in upper-level coursework, including embedded literacies, and Biology 4901, a capstone course that will focus on the integration of topics across the discipline.

The NMS Subcommittee unanimously voted to approve the proposed changes to the Biology majors and minors with one contingency. A resubmitted proposal was approved on August 1, 2024. This proposal is now advanced to the ASCC with a motion to approve.

Sincerely,

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Chair, ASCC Natural and Mathematical Sciences Subcommittee 2023-2024