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Good morning,

On Tuesday, January 27th, the Natural and Mathematical Sciences Subcommittee of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a new course request for Molecular Genetics 4810.

The Subcommittee approved the request with the following feedback:

- a. **Contingency:** The Subcommittee requests that the department seek concurrence from the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences as well as a blanket concurrence from the College of Engineering. While the Subcommittee notes that concurrence has already been granted by the Department of Biomedical Engineering, there are other units within the College that should be informed of the course (such as the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering).
- b. **Contingency:** The Subcommittee notes that curriculum.osu.edu references a cross-listing with Biotech Science. While the Subcommittee understands that this course is intended to serve as a core course in the new Biotech major and minor, it is unclear why a cross-listing is indicated. The Subcommittee requests that this reference be removed.
- c. **Contingency:** The Subcommittee requests that the curriculum map for the Molecular Genetics major be updated and submitted with the revision to reflect how this course will function as an elective in the program.
- d. **Contingency:** The Subcommittee requests that the department ensure all links in the syllabus are functional, including the link to the Office of Undergraduate Education's [Syllabus Policies & Statements webpage](#) (syllabus p. 6).
- e. *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee notes that the cover letter references molecular biology as a department offering a core course in the proposed major and minor in Biotech Science. They recommend correcting this language to Molecular Genetics.
- f. *Recommendation:* Since the second midterm exam takes place during finals week, the Subcommittee recommends simply referring to it as the final exam.

As a reminder, **contingencies** (in bold above) must be addressed and resubmitted via curriculum.osu.edu before a course can move forward in the approval process. *Recommendations* (in italics above) should be implemented when the course is next taught.

I will return Molecular Genetics 4810 to the department queue via curriculum.osu.edu in order to address the Subcommittee's requests.

Should you have any questions about the feedback, please do not hesitate to reach out to Christopher Hadad (faculty Chair of the NMS Subcommittee) or me.

Best,
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