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Administrative Boards of the College of Arts and Sciences and the General College

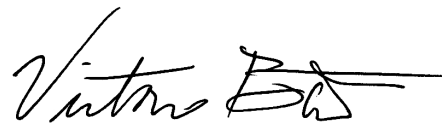
To whom it may concern:

We are proposing the following program changes for Department of Biology programs of study starting in fall 2015.

- 1) We will allow one- and two-credit courses numbered above 600 that total three or more credits to be combined to count as one elective course in the major. This will provide incentive to undergraduate students to take some of our more advanced courses. This rule would apply to all majors, and will therefore be listed in sections of the undergraduate bulletin describing BS, BS quantitative track, and BA majors.
- 2) We now specify that Allied Science electives need to have at least three credit hours (so that the above new rule applies only to Biology courses).
- 3) We have split several courses with laboratory into two courses, one for the lecture component and one for the laboratory component. These are now listed using the new designations in the lists of allowable organismal courses.
- 4) We have added several courses as allowable for the Allied Science elective requirement (ANTH 318, 415, and 623; SPHS 570)
- 5) We have replaced the H. V. P. Wilson Award (for a senior Biology major based on excellence in research in Molecular and Cellular Biology) with the Stephen G. Brantley Award in honor of H. V. P. Wilson. This reflects a change in the source supporting the award.

We attach files of the current version of the text from the Undergraduate Bulletin (2014-15), and a new version with the proposed changes indicated (using the "Track Changes" function, and also highlighted in yellow). The latter document also has minor formatting changes that we wish to make to the text (capitalizing titles, listing the new DUS, etc.) indicated using the "Track Changes" function but not highlighted. Thank you very much for considering these changes.

Sincerely,



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