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From:
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Chair, Biology

To:
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 2016.

1) We have added two new courses (224H/224L, 534) and one renumbered course (452/452L changed to 553/553L) to the list of courses allowed for the Quantitative Biology major. We have also split one course with laboratory into two courses (528 + 528L), one for the lecture component and one for the laboratory component. We have added all of these to the lists of allowable Q-Bio courses. These course changes are pending approval by the curriculum committee, which we presume will occur. Perhaps you can advise as to whether/how to indicate the renumbered course in the catalog.

2) We have added PSYC 315 (Introduction to Neuroscience) as allowable for the Allied Science elective requirement.

3) For Honors in Biology, we have changed the minimum GPA requirement in Biology courses to 3.3 (from 3.4), to align it with the overall college GPA requirement. We have also removed the reference to highest honors (previously based on GPA of 3.85), in order to make the honors/highest honors distinction dependent on the quality of the student's research.

We attach a file of the revised version of the text from the 2015 Undergraduate Bulletin, with the proposed changes indicated (using the "Track Changes" function, and also highlighted in yellow). This file also has a revised version of the introductory paragraph, which we will submit to Heather Thompson. Thank you very much for considering these changes.

Sincerely,

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