

MEMORANDUM

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To: Melissa Jones-Bromenshenkel, Chair, CGS
From: Michael Cornebise, Interim Associate Dean, CLAS
Date: February 7, 2019
RE: Executive Action Taken at the CLAS Curriculum Committee Meeting on Feb 6, 2019

The following request was approved by executive action at the CLAS Sciences Curriculum Committee meeting on February 6, 2019. The request would be effective Fall 2019. I ask that similar action be taken at the Council on Graduate Studies.

Request: To allow BIO 5333 (Bioenergy and Bioresources) to be offered fully online in addition to the already approved classroom format.

Rationale: Online delivery of this course will provide students with greater scheduling flexibility, and especially cater to working professionals enrolled in the M.S. in Sustainable Energy and M.S. in Biological Sciences programs. This course was trialed as an online course in FA16 under BIO 5970A (Special Topics), and is currently being offered as BIO 5460A (Special Topics) this semester (SP19). The online version of this course has been well-received, and has been very convenient for students not able to be on campus - *e.g.* students on military assignments in Afghanistan (FA16) and Alaska (SP19).