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TO: Dr. Robert Augustine, Dean
FROM: Dr. Mary Anne Hanner, Dean
DATE: November 12, 2010
RE: Executive Action Taken at the College of Sciences Curriculum Committee Meeting of November 12, 2010

The following was approved by executive action at the College of Sciences Curriculum Committee electronic meeting ending on November 12, 2010. I ask that similar action be taken at the Council on Graduate Studies.

REQUEST#1:

Requested Change: Change prerequisites for Introduction to Paleobotany (BIO 4892/GEL 4892).

Current course description

(3-2-4) Introduction to the origin and theories of evolution, diversification, radiation, and paleogeography of plants through time, with special reference to vascular plants. Field work.

Prerequisites & Notes: GEL 1430 and BIO 3612 or permission of instructor. Credit not granted for both GEL 4892 and BIO 4892.

Credits: 4

Revised course description

(3-2-4) Introduction to the origin and theories of evolution, diversification, radiation, and paleogeography of plants through time, with special reference to vascular plants. Field work.

Prerequisites & Notes: ~~GEL 1430 and BIO 3612~~ **BIO1200G** or permission of instructor. Credit not granted for both GEL 4892 and BIO 4892.

Credits: 4

Rationale for change:

This change is requested to make the course available to a greater number of students. The current pair of prerequisites are too restrictive as few if any GEL students will have taken BIO 3612 Plant Evolution and Diversity and few if any BIO students will have taken GEL 1430 Historical Geology, because neither are electives for the major of the other. The course was originally taught through Geology but after the professor teaching it retired it wasn't offered for a few years. It is now taught through the Biological Sciences Department and BIO 1200G General Botany provides adequate plant background for the course.

Effective Year/Term: Fall 2011