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From: Dr. Karen Rosenbecker  
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Date: August 15, 2016

Subject: CCC's Decision on BioInquiry Proposal  
(Biological Sciences Department)

On November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 The College Curriculum Committee discussed a new course and program modification proposal submitted by the Biological Sciences Department. The Committee expressed several concerns and instructed the Associate Dean to send them to the Department.

The Biological Sciences Department responded to CCC and submitted a new proposal on December 14. Those documents were discussed on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016. However, the Curriculum Committee considered that the revised proposal and the Department's response to the first set of concerns were not satisfactory. A new list of concerns (this time including Dean's Office concerns) was sent on January 26<sup>th</sup>. The Department sent a new proposal and response on February 3<sup>rd</sup> (See Annex).

The final vote on BioInquiry was on February 17<sup>th</sup>, and says:

*The College Curriculum Committee met on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to review the February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 BioInquiry proposal and responses to the Committee's concerns and recommendations from January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016.*

*After much deliberation, the Committee voted as follows:*

*In favor of approving the proposal, one vote.  
Against, three votes  
Abstentions, two*

*Rationale: The Biology Department partially addressed the concerns the Committee expressed in January, and key recommendations, such as making the course a BIOL elective, were not accepted.*

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you.