

Curricular Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate

MEMO

To: The UVM Faculty Senate

From: Curricular Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate, Colby Kervick and Stephen Everse, Co-Chairs

Date: January 5, 2024

Re: Items Voted on by the Curricular Affairs Committee that Do Not Require Faculty Senate Vote

On January 4, 2024, the Curricular Affairs Committee approved the actions recommended in the following memo. These actions do not require voting by the Faculty Senate:

- I. Revision to the Biology minor to create a concrete step-wise progression in the discipline by requiring (instead of allowing only as elective) an intermediate-level course and to strengthen fundamental understanding in biological concepts by requiring prefix-specific elective courses in Biology. Therefore, the revised minor will require a minimum of 16 credits including: one core course (3-4 credits) out of a list of four BCOR options, one lecture elective (3 credits), one lab elective (4 credits), and two additional BIO or BCOR course from a list of options (3-4 credits).
- II. Revision to the Zoology minor to create a concrete step-wise progression in the discipline by requiring (instead of allowing only as elective) an intermediate-level course and to strengthen fundamental understanding in biological concepts by requiring prefix-specific elective courses in Biology. Therefore the revised minor will require a minimum of 16 credits including: one core course (3-4 credits) out of a list of four BCOR options, two lecture electives (6-8 credits with a recommended focus on Animal Biology), one lab elective (4 credits), and one additional BIO or BCOR course from a list of options (3-4 credits).
- III. Revision to the Master's Degree in Clinical and Translational Sciences to alter admissions criteria (to fall in alignment with the current Graduate College application requirements) and to create a third track which would require 30 credits of coursework and could be accomplished remotely.