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MEMORANDUM

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To: Carmine Belascio, Associate Professor, Department of Plant and Soil Sciences

From: Velia M. Fowler, Chair, Department of Biological Sciences

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Velia M. Fowler'.

On behalf of the Department of Biological Sciences, I write to support your request to have Introductory Biology I (BISC207) or Principles of Biology with Laboratory (BISC104) be one of the required 4 credit lecture/lab science courses in your Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (BLA) program. As indicated in your proposal, students earning the BLA degree will be able to use BISC104 or BISC207 as one of the alternative course selections to meet the degree requirements. The Department of Biological Sciences will be able to provide the coursework needed for these students with the understanding that the number of students selecting either BISC104 or BISC207 is not likely to exceed 2-3 students per year.

My support of this proposal is consistent with the Department of Biological Sciences' policies and By-Laws. In cases such as this one in which biology courses are included on a list of options but are not required, the chair's obligation is to inform the faculty, but the faculty do not need to discuss or vote on supporting this proposal.