

## MEMORANDUM

TO: CALS Microbiology Faculty

DATE: May 10, 2010

SUBJECT: Update on the CALS Microbiology Program

Following the loss of several key members of the microbiology faculty, I elected to renew the CALS commitment to the Microbiology Program by the formation of the Microbiology Commission. In June 2009, I moved the administrative and a portion of the fiscal responsibilities for the CALS Microbiology Program from the Department of Veterinary Science and Microbiology and placed those responsibilities with the Microbiology Commission. The Microbiology Commission consists of the department heads from the CALS units where the microbiology faculty members reside, including Plant Sciences (PLS), Soil, Water, and Environmental Science (SWES), Animal Sciences (ANS), Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering (ABE), and Veterinary Science and Microbiology (VSM). I appointed Associate Dean David Cox as the chair of this commission. Thus, the Microbiology Commission has full administrative responsibility for the CALS Microbiology Program.

The curriculum and content of the program reside with the faculty. The Microbiology Commission met several times over the summer and fall semester of 2009 to address some urgent and immediate issues associated with the Microbiology Program. The commission recognized a key step in moving the CALS Microbiology Program forward will be the formation of a curriculum committee for the undergraduate and graduate programs. This committee will be composed of faculty who represent the expertise in microbiology from the various CALS units. Therefore, the curriculum committee will review and define the courses and overall program outline for both the undergraduate and graduate programs. The Microbiology Commission will then have the responsibility for administering the resources associated with the Microbiology Program in CALS to ensure appropriate faculty participation and the successful delivery and implementation of the Microbiology Program.

In order to now move to the important step of curriculum, I am using this memorandum as a means to appoint the members of the Microbiology Curriculum Committee. I am asking the faculty members identified below to begin immediately to serve on and organize the curriculum committee. Please select a chair of the Microbiology Curriculum Committee and provide the

name of the individual to Dave Cox by May 28, 2010. The faculty members are: Raina Maier, Betsy Arnold, Virinchipura Viswanathan , Chris Rensing, Marc Orbach, Jim Collins, Jeong-Yeol Yoon and John Marchello. Curriculum and program recommendations and decisions of the Microbiology Curriculum Committee will be made to the Microbiology Commission. The Office of Academic Programs will arrange the first meeting.

I wanted to provide to you this update and summary regarding the current status and reorganization of the CALS Microbiology Program and the renewed commitment for the Microbiology Program in CALS. I look forward to your work as this program moves forward. I am confident we can address the challenges before us successfully by working creatively and cooperatively and maintain a very good Microbiology Program for our students.

If you have any questions or comments relative to this, please contact Dave.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eugene G. Sander', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Eugene G. Sander  
Vice Provost and Dean

cc: Members of the Microbiology Commission