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RE: Addenda to the Departmental Application of Criteria for the Department of Biological Sciences

Provost Gatrell,

The below addenda were approved by faculty vote which concluded on October 1, 2020.

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1. Addendum for Chair/Peer evaluation of online courses:

For sections that are technology-delivered, granting access to the password restricted areas of the course, submission of recorded lectures or other classroom activities, and/or access to live sessions (at the discretion of the faculty member) can be substituted for classroom visitation. Evaluation of technology-delivered courses should take into account the framework and limitations of online delivery.

2. Addendum for Research evaluation:

Faculty ability to conduct research activities may be affected by COVID-19, either directly or indirectly, and given the long-term nature of many research projects, this impact may continue for an extended period. Therefore, the quantitative benchmarks provided in the DAC may not be specifically required if the evaluation period was affected. Faculty are encouraged to include statements explaining the impact of COVID-19 on their research activities as part of their portfolio. Evaluators should take faculty explanations into account when evaluating their research productivity.

Please let me know if you approve of these modifications.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary A. Bulla".

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