

# Biology

## 1 Committee meetings/discussion

### Action Priority:

The Department's Graduate Committee will meet at least monthly to map out a new curriculum for our graduate program

RELATED ITEMS

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#### Narrative:

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## 2 meetings with Grad services

### Action Priority:

Grad. Program Coordinator will meet with Vickie Mazer to ensure compliance with USM and University policy/procedures

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## 3 ad hoc Eval committee meetings

### Action Priority:

The Department's ad hoc Evaluation Committee will meet at least monthly to discuss PD and Service

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## **2 Revise our Dept. Evaluation instrument**

### **Narrative:**

In order to accommodate the many faceted areas of interest held by Biology faculty in PD and service, our goal is make our evaluation instrument more flexible, but still rigorous. A committee has been formed and meets regularly. We have already updated our teaching criteria/mechanism.

## **4 Class coverage and course offerings**

### **Action Priority:**

The Dept will continue to meet, at least monthly, to discuss how to cover our needed classes.

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## **3 Identify and implement strategies for covering needed classes with short staffing**

### **Narrative:**

Biology continues to generate the most student credit hours for the University, but we have not been given a new position for multiple years. As a Dept. we need to discuss and implement strategy(s) to help reduce overload while still providing the classes that our majors and other majors need.