Microbiology Discipline Meeting

Date: Friday, April 12, 2024

Time: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Location: Zoom

Attendees: Dr. Vera Sullivan, Dr. Melanie Ullrich, Dr. Michael Witty, Dr. Esmaeel Samaliazad, Dr. Gerald Anzalone

Subject: Course-Based Assessment

* The current microbiology "common final exam" may be retained as a final exam but will be considered a measure of student achievement, *not* a course-level assessment.
* Two project-based assignments were discussed as potential alternatives for course-level assessment: student presentations on specific pathogens, and a "virus brochure" project (including a virus model, written description, and presentation).
* The question of how to assess individual student artifacts if a project-based course-level assessment is adopted. The faculty will consult with assessment experts at the college on this point.
* The microbiology faculty agreed to use the next two terms (Fall 2024 and Spring 2025) to develop a new course-level assessment and will request a pause in course assessment requirements during this period.

Gerald Anzalone recorded the minutes.