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DATE: January 7, 2005

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SUBJECT: Annual Assessment Update

A. Changes to the assessment plan: None

B. Result we were happy to see:

1. On the Major Field Test in Biology our students scored in the 90th percentile for the overall score of biological knowledge and in the 90th percentile or higher in 5 of the 9 assessment indicators and 2 of the 4 subject sub-scores.

2. In our assessment for AY2002-2003 we had a significant decline in several of our assessment indicators. We were concerned whether this was a one-year anomaly or the beginning of a trend. The assessment results for AY2003-2004 returned us to the high level of accomplishments that we had previously seen so the previous year’s decline appears to have been an anomaly.

C. Papers, posters, grants or publications relating to assessment: None