

**From:** Sarah Milton <smilton@fau.edu>  
**Date:** Monday, November 2, 2020 at 10:59 AM  
**To:** Jon Moore <jmoore@fau.edu>  
**Subject:** Re: Approval from Boca

Got it, thanks! I guess I missed your original email where it was attached.

The Biology department has no objection to this course being offered at the Honor's College. It is unique compared to any of our offerings.

Regards,

Sarah

ps - can I come to Peace River too?

Dr. Sarah L. Milton  
Professor and Chair  
Department of Biological Sciences  
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**From:** Jon Moore <jmoore@fau.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 2, 2020 10:56 AM  
**To:** Sarah Milton <smilton@fau.edu>  
**Subject:** Re: Approval from Boca

Sorry, thought one was attached. Here it is.

Jon

**From:** Sarah Milton <smilton@fau.edu>  
**Date:** Monday, November 2, 2020 at 8:03 AM  
**To:** Jon Moore <jmoore@fau.edu>  
**Subject:** Re: Approval from Boca

Hi Jon- Probably not, but can you send me a syllabus please?

Sarah Milton

On Nov 1, 2020, at 9:24 PM, Jon Moore <[jmoore@fau.edu](mailto:jmoore@fau.edu)> wrote:

Hi Sarah,

Does the Biological Sciences Dept have any issues with my teaching this course up at the Wilkes Honors College?

Cheers,

Jon

**From:** Jon Moore <[jmoore@fau.edu](mailto:jmoore@fau.edu)>

**Date:** Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 12:50 PM

**To:** Sarah Milton <[smilton@fau.edu](mailto:smilton@fau.edu)>

**Subject:** Re: Approval from Boca

Greetings, Sarah,

I have recently proposed a new course for the Wilkes Honors College, BSC 4802 Honors History of Life. Attached are the course proposal form and syllabus. The UUPC committee in Boca has recommended I get permission from your department to teach this course.

I recognize that this course relies heavily on paleontology, stratigraphy, and sedimentology and I would like to assure you that I have an undergraduate degree in geosciences and over 18 credits of graduate study in geosciences. Although my M.S. and Ph.D. degrees say Biology, I was in a joint paleobiology program shared by the Biology, Geology and Geophysics, and Anthropology departments at Yale. My graduate professors included Drs. Susan Kidwell and David Jablonski (when I was at Univ. Arizona) and Drs. Keith S. Thomson (my M.S. supervisor at Yale), Elisabeth Vrba (my Ph.D. supervisor at Yale), John Ostrom, Adolph Seilacher, Bruce Tiffany, Catherine Skinner, and James Valentine.

Cheers,

Jon Moore

Professor of Biology

Wilkes Honors College

## **BSC 4802 – Honors History of Life**

### **Science support**

Please note that we had a meeting on November 4th with Dr. Zhixiao Xie and Dr. Anton Oleinik (Geoscience), Dr. Evonne Rezler (Senior Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies) and Dr. Jerry Haky (chair of UUPC), to discuss Dr. Moore's new course proposal. Dr. Rezler supported this course and she did not see any overlap since these two courses are offered to a different student population; GLY2100 is a Gen Ed course and BSC 4930 is an elective for biology and marine biology students, and it has BSC 1011 as pre-requisite. Dr. Rezler suggested that Dr. Moore and Dr. Oleinik should have a meeting to discuss the content in both courses and exchange ideas. Jim Wetterer has more information regarding this meeting.

**From:** Zhixiao Xie <xie@fau.edu>  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 4:14 PM  
**To:** Jon Moore <jmoore@fau.edu>  
**Cc:** Jerome Haky <hakyj@fau.edu>  
**Subject:** Re: Approval from Boca

Dear Jon,

The syllabus for BSC4802(Honors History of Life) was reviewed by the faculty in Geosciences Dept. It is found that there are significant overlap between BSC4802 and our existing course. Therefore the Department could not support BSC4802 unfortunately. Our faculty is open to teach a honors section if there is the need.

Sincerely,

Zhixiao

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**From:** Jon Moore  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 14, 2020 12:50 PM  
**To:** Zhixiao Xie <xie@fau.edu>  
**Subject:** Re: Approval from Boca

Dear Dr. Xie,

On advice from the curriculum committee, I was asked to enhance the readings to make the course more in line with an WHC honors course. The new syllabus is attached.

Cheers,

Jon Moore