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Dear Graduate CLS Students:

The UND CLS graduate faculty is currently in the process of making curriculum changes. The curriculum changes, if approved, will go into effect on January 1, 2010. We hold every expectation that the changes will be approved by the graduate committee. In September, I will be reviewing with the CLS graduate faculty how best to offer advisement to students during this transition period. Please contact your advisor after October 1 and they will be ready to work with you and answer any questions you may have concerning this transition.

- Residency Requirement Change:

Old Curriculum:

On campus requirement: A student was required to complete three of the five labs offered (CLS 510, 511, 512, 519 and 520) on campus, plus the capstone course (CLS 515) on campus.

New Curriculum:

We will be eliminating all five on campus labs (CLS 510, 511, 512, 519 and 520) and requiring only one laboratory experience on campus which will occur near the beginning of the student's program of study. This on campus laboratory will be CLS 524 Current Trends and Issues for Laboratory Professions (2 credits). The student will also still be required to come on campus for CLS 515 Capstone near the end of their program of study.

Fall semester 2009 courses, CLS 519 and 520, will both be presented as distance courses. You will not need to come on campus to complete them. Further information will be explained on Blackboard.

- Additional Curriculum Changes:

We are dividing the microbiology into two separate courses. The quantity of information is a bit staggering for one course.

Old Curriculum:

CLS 504 Medical Molecular for Laboratory Professionals (2 cr) – course deletion

New Curriculum:

CLS 522 Clinical Bacteriology (2 cr) – course addition

CLS 523 Clinical Virology, Mycology and Parasitology (2 cr) – course addition

Format Change:

CLS 521 Seminar will be offered every semester and the presentation will be completed using online technology.

- CLS Management Certificate Program: This program will be eliminated and no new students will be admitted beginning January 1, 2009. Students currently enrolled in this program will be able to complete it.

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- Transition:
The new curriculum must go through the final stages of approval and will not be going into effect until January 1, 2010. Please work closely with your advisor on whether you will stay with the old curriculum or be moving to the new curriculum form.

Those students who have completed CLS 504 Medical Microbiology and at least one of the following labs (CLS 510, 511, 512, 519, or 520) should probably stay with the old curriculum and work (with their advisor) on converting laboratory courses to directed study courses and they will be accomplished as a distance course.

- CLS 524 Current Trends and Issues for Laboratory Professionals (2 cr) will be offered each fall semester. This on campus experience will include a short introductory portion discussing program requirements, etc., and move into learning about the newest instrumentation and testing in all areas of the clinical laboratory.

The entire CLS faculty and staff are excited about our new curriculum. We feel it will be beneficial for you to decrease the amount of time spent on campus and expenses that go along with the travel.

Sincerely,

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