



**DEPARTMENT OF
BIOLOGY**

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE
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Indianapolis

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Dr. Janice Blum
Associate Vice Chancellor for Graduate Education
Associate Dean of the University Graduate School

Dear Janice,

This letter is written to request One Member Advisory Committee Flexibility option for our coursework Master's Degree students. The Biology Department has numerous students that complete a one year Master's Degree within our Pre-Professional Non-Thesis (PPNT) program. There are also several Standard Non-Thesis (SNT) option students. As Graduate Director, I serve as advisor for all these students. It would be simpler and would expedite completion of required forms if only a single signature was required. All of the PPNT and SNT Master's Degree students complete their degrees with IUPUI campus-based courses, and the use of the One Member Advisory Committee Flexibility option would be limited to students in these coursework Master's Degree programs.

Please let me know if I can provide any further information.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J A Marrs', with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

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