

GSBS Curriculum Committee report

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Overview of activities

Regular Business

- Meetings 3rd Friday/Month 10 am
- Course Approved – Syllabi pending for May 2026 CC meeting
 - Neuroimmune Biology – Course number TBD
- Courses Approved
 - RNA Therapeutics and Biology (RTB): RNA Biology I – BBS 713, 3 credits
 - RNA Therapeutics and Biology (RTB): RNA Biology II – BBS 714, 3 credits

Courses in Progress

- Neuroimmune Biology

The Intentionally Designed and Aligned Curriculum

CC Proposal Status

- Full Report submitted to Dean Lane
- Includes example course layout
- Full alignment of curriculum with core competencies
- Describes curriculum components, roles and relations
- Based on stakeholder input from
 - Retreats
 - Comparison with peer-schools
 - Needs analysis

Next Steps (outside of CC purview)

- Discussion and adaption by BBS directors
- Implementation Plan

3-year Structural Work

Administrative

- Moved fully to OneDrive and Teams
- Committee email (gsbscurriculumcommittee@umassmed.edu)
- Administrative support through GSBS office
- Next CC chair James Munro, PhD

Operationally

- Three Step Course Approval Process
- Course Review Rubric
- Model Syllabus
- Draft: Course re-review policy
- Staggered Committee Member Appointment (Term limit)
- Chair Elect Model