

from the four biological departments above named and that for the time being the committee shall consist of the chairmen and heads of the four departments hereinabove named under the chairmanship of A. J. Mix.

It is planned that the new course (General Biology) will be taught in two one-hour lecture periods and one one-hour period of demonstration and discussion per week. The lectures will be given by one person but the hour of demonstration and discussion will be divided into sections of not to exceed twenty-five students and these sections will be led by staff members of the four departments.

Respectfully submitted,

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For several years there has been talk of a course in general biology. A year or two ago, the biology departments discussed the matter quite fully but came to no decision. This recommendation, if adopted, will accomplish at least four desirable results:

1. It will avoid a certain amount of duplication which now exists between the beginning courses in the four departments. This common material, along with other basic biological knowledge, will be placed in the general biology course, which would be a course in the fundamental principles of biology.
2. It would do away with the student's present confusion in selecting a beginning course in the biological sciences. After this first course, the student would have some definite basis on which to select the second.
3. It would make certain that every student has some knowledge of the fundamental principles governing living things, including himself.
4. The second required course would include field or laboratory work for the purpose of giving each student a personal interest in at