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COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE  
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DIVISION OF BIOLOGY

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Members of the Council  
American Society for Microbiology

Dear Councilor:

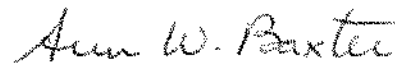
Here at Clemson University our undergraduate microbiology majors have organized a society whose aims and purposes are those of the ASM and of the South Carolina Branch. They have based their Constitution on that of the local branch, modifying it only so as to adapt it to a university situation, and all of them have joined the South Carolina Branch as student members.

At the next meeting of the Branch, April 10 and 11, these students will submit a petition for recognition as the Clemson Student Chapter of the SCB-ASM, and a new by-law will be presented to the Branch membership for their approval, designed to permit such recognition for the Clemson group and for other similar undergraduate societies which may be formed in South Carolina in the future.

There are more than one hundred colleges and universities in this country which offer the B. S. degree in microbiology, and there must be other such undergraduate associations. We feel that recognition of qualified undergraduate societies as junior affiliates of the American Society for Microbiology would give the students a heightened sense of seriousness and of professionalism in their activities. We feel that the Society can offer valuable guidance to such associations. And we furthermore believe that a relationship to the ASM early in their careers will give the students a sense of participation in the microbiological community and an interest in the ASM which will be valuable to the Society in years to come.

Therefore I propose to the Council that undergraduate microbiology societies whose faculty advisers are members of the ASM, and whose activities, purposes and organization are approved by the Local Branch within whose territory they are located, may be permitted to petition the Council of the Society for recognition as Student Chapters of their Local Branch and as Junior Affiliates of the American Society for Microbiology. I also propose that the Council, upon recommendation of the Local Branch concerned, give such recognition to such societies.

Sincerely yours,



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Councilor

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