

REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

Brief History of Issue - why the issue is being considered:

The Department of Chemistry is requesting a change to the name of the Department from “Chemistry” to “Chemistry and Biochemistry” for the next possible catalog. The primary rationale for this change is identity. We have four faculty members who fully regard themselves as “biochemists”, and 2 additional faculty specializing in interdisciplinary fields involving biochemistry.

Points Discussed by Committee:

1. Impact on current majors and potential for future majors.
2. Concerns from Department of Biology
3. Impact on Biochemistry/Molecular Biology (BMB) majors

Pros of Recommendation:

Department of Chemistry voted unanimously (14-0-0)

Cons of Recommendation:

none

Technology/Human Resource Impact:

None

Committee Recommendation:

The committee approved the name of the Department from “Chemistry” to “Chemistry and Biochemistry” for the next possible catalog.

MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

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by a vote of 7 for to 0 against on November 19, 2019 (Date)

Recommends that:

The rename of the Department from “Chemistry” to “Chemistry and Biochemistry” for the next possible catalog, starting 2020-2021 AY.

Implementation Date: 20/21 catalog

Signed: _____
Chair of the Committee

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