

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 and Biochemistry requests change of major name: Chemistry, A.C.S., Biochemistry Emphasis, Comprehensive Major [100-009] to Chemistry, A.C.S. **Certified**, Biochemistry Emphasis, Comprehensive Major [100-009] and Chemistry, A.C.S., Comprehensive Major [100-007] to Chemistry, A.C.S. **Certified**, Comprehensive Major [100-007]. The addition of the “Certified” will send a clear message to students that the degree is certified by our professional society to make the major more attractive to students concerned with employability (surprisingly, many students and parents fail to see the applicability and employability of the chemistry/biochemistry degree).

Points Discussed by Committee:

1. Is change for external or internal purposes?
2. Change will be on student transcripts.
3. Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry is given certification authority by the American Chemical Society.

Pros of Recommendation:

Proposed change of major names may serve as recruiting tool for undergraduate students. Change of major names may also increase employability aspect for undergraduate students seeking either one of the majors.

Cons of Recommendation:

None

Technology/Human Resource Impact:

None

Committee Recommendation:

The committee approved the change of major names for Chemistry, A.C.S., Biochemistry Emphasis, Comprehensive Major [100-009] to Chemistry, A.C.S. **Certified**, Biochemistry Emphasis, Comprehensive Major [100-009] and Chemistry, A.C.S., Comprehensive Major [100-007] to Chemistry, A.C.S. **Certified**, Comprehensive Major [100-007]

MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

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by a vote of 7 for to 0 against on October 12, 2021 (Date)

Recommends that:

The change of major names for Chemistry, A.C.S., Biochemistry Emphasis, Comprehensive Major [100-009] to Chemistry, A.C.S. **Certified**, Biochemistry Emphasis, Comprehensive Major [100-009] and Chemistry, A.C.S., Comprehensive Major [100-007] to Chemistry, A.C.S. **Certified**, Comprehensive Major [100-007], starting 2022-2023 AY.

Implementation Date: 22/23 catalog

Signed: _____
Chair of the Committee

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