

**FACULTY SENATE
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE**

***Resolution to Recommend Approval of the RME for the Addition
of Specializations in Biology Education, Biomedical Science, and Ecology
to the Bachelor of Science Degree in Biological Sciences, College of Science***

WHEREAS the proposed specializations for the Biology/Biological Sciences major will provide more specific and marketable skills for graduates; and

WHEREAS the proposed specializations will modernize the Biology/Biological Sciences program and allow it to remain competitive with many of our peers and aspirational peers, who already offer more specialized programs; and

WHEREAS the Biology Education Track meets requirements specified by the National Science Teachers Association and by the State of Illinois for Science Teacher Certification with a concentration in Biology; and

WHEREAS the objectives of the program are important and target the need for increased specialization within this field of study; and

WHEREAS pending examination of the RME, corrections will be made regarding superscripts on the list of required courses for the Teacher Education Track, regarding whether there are 3 versus 4 departments involved, and regarding whether the huge number of required hours for the Biology Education Track is acceptable;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate recommend the RME for the Addition of Specializations in Biology Education, Biomedical Science, and Ecology to the Bachelor of Science Degree in Biological Sciences.

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