

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE

Resolution to Recommend Approval of the RME for the Modification of the Specializations in the Chemistry Major and the Increase in the Number of Credit Hours for a Minor in Chemistry in the College of Science

WHEREAS the Department of Chemistry in the College of Science strives to offer specializations in the major that allows students to select a specific course of study relevant to their particular educational emphasis; and

WHEREAS the Department of Chemistry desires to provide a degree structure that allows students greater flexibility in changing specializations prior to their junior year should they choose to do so; and

WHEREAS the Department of Chemistry wishes to decrease the number of specializations in the major to facilitate greater alignment of the degree specialization (B.S. or B.A.) with the cohorts of students who desire an undergraduate degree in Chemistry; and

WHEREAS the Department of Chemistry seeks to increase enrollment with the addition of a specialization in Chemical Education; and

WHEREAS the Department of Chemistry also wishes to increase the number of credit hours in the Chemistry minor to insure that the minor is comparable in credit hours to Chemistry minors at peer institutions and minors in other science disciplines in the College of Science; and

WHEREAS the Department of Chemistry also wishes with the increase in credit hours in the Chemistry minor to provide students with a more rigorous preparation in the practice and theory of Chemistry; and

WHEREAS no budgetary effects are anticipated from these proposed changes to the major or the minor in Chemistry;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate recommend the approval of the RME for the Modification of the Specializations in Chemistry in the College of Science; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate recommend the approval of the RME for the Increase in Credit Hours for a Minor in Chemistry.

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