



Date: November 5, 2021

To: Hossein Saiedian, University Senate President
Faculty in the Department
Barbara A. Bichelmeyer, Provost & Executive Vice Chancellor

From: Karen Moeller, Chair Academic Policies and Procedure committee

Re: Program Discontinuance in Biology

In Accordance with University Senate Rules and Regulations USRR 8.2, the Academic Policies and Procedures Committee (AP&P) has reviewed the documentation and held an open public hearing on October 6, 2021, regarding the recommendation to discontinue the following active programs in the Department of Biology in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Kansas:

- BS in Biology

In the submitted documentation titled "Recommendations for Discontinuance of an Active Academic Program," the Biology Department is replacing the BS in Biology with two new BS degrees: BS in Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology and BS in Ecology, Evolution, and Organismal Biology. The above majors were approved by KBOR in 2019. Current students in the BS in Biology can graduate with that degree or switch to one of the new degrees.

At the public hearing on October 6, 2021, one faculty member spoke in support of these changes. No written statements were provided to the committee.

On October 22, 2021, the AP&P Committee met to discuss the submitted documentation and the hearing. AP&P recommends by a majority vote that the BS in Biology be discontinued. The recommendation to discontinue is made with the understanding that students currently enrolled in the program will be allowed to complete their degrees or switch to one of the new degrees. Additionally, no faculty or staff will be terminated by this action. The committee agrees the planned changes are in the best academic interests of the University and adequate provisions have been made for present students and for the rights of faculty and staff in the program.

Documentation Reviewed by the Committee:

1. Recommendation for Discontinuance of an Active Academic Program, August 2021
2. Program Review, February 2019

C: John Colombo, Interim Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences