



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 Academic Success.

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 13, 2021, regarding the recommendation to discontinue the Research Experience Program: Undergraduate Certificate awarded through Academic Success at the University of Kansas.

In the submitted documentation titled "Recommendations for Discontinuance of an Active Academic Program", Academic Success describes the program's original intent was to highlight and record undergraduate students' research experiences. However, there were numerous inconsistencies in student experiences throughout the University. Over the last several years, Academic Success has explored different ways to showcase undergraduate research on their resumes or CVs. Areas they have expanded on include partnering with the Career Center to offer workshops on how to incorporate one's research on the CV, working with faculty to make undergraduate research more widely available, and offering mini-grants to faculty to incorporate research into their undergraduate program.

At the public hearing on October 13, 2021, no members of the University Community spoke for or against 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 Research Experience Program: Undergraduate Certificate to be discontinued. The recommendation to discontinue is made with the understanding that students currently enrolled in the program will be allowed to complete their certificates. 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, February 2021

C: Susan Klusmeier, Vice Provost, Academic Success