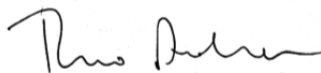


Materials linked from the October 24, 2014 Curriculum Council agenda.

DATE: 20 June, 2014

TO: Gary Beach,
Sarah Williams,
Academic Programs, Assessment, and Accreditation

FROM: Theo Dreher, Microbiology



SUBJECT: Request for new course designator: BHS for the BioHealth Sciences degree

The Faculty Senate and Academic Affairs recently approved the renaming of the General Science degree as BioHealth Sciences.

Purpose: The name change of the General Science major to the BioHealth Sciences major was recently approved (CPS Tracking # 85460). Once students currently enrolled in General Science graduate, the GS designator will no longer be needed, replaced by BHS for BioHealth Sciences. There are few GS course listings, as most courses taken by GS majors are provided by other programs. The current courses, taken only by GS majors, are:

- GS 199 Special Studies
- GS 401 Research
- GS 403 Thesis
- GS 405 Reading and Conference
- GS 407 Seminar
- GS 410 Science Internship

We request that the equivalent BHS listings be made available, and we will in addition in time add specific content courses with BHS designators through Category 2 proposals. These courses will be designed for the BHS majors, but may be of interest to other students desiring instruction in human health-related issues.

Accountability:

- *What is the academic College of the designator?* College of Science.
- *Who is responsible for administering courses in the designator, e.g. scheduling and catalog updates. Who are the faculty contact persons?* Chair of Microbiology (Theo Dreher) and Assistant to the Chair (Mary Fulton).
- *Who is responsible for consistency and outcome assessment for courses in the designator?* Chair of Microbiology (Theo Dreher) through activities of BHS Curriculum and Assessments Committee (Chair, Janine Trempey).
- *Which units get credit for the SCH generated by courses in the subject code?* Department of Microbiology

- *Who is responsible for communicating information about the new designator to stakeholders, including advisors, Admissions, and students?* Chair of Microbiology (Theo Dreher)

Impacts:

- *Will courses in the new designator duplicate or compete with existing ones?* BHS courses will not duplicate or compete with existing courses.
- *Are there expected cross-listings or curricular equivalencies?* Some new courses that will be added in the future may be considered for cross-listing with other programs.
- *How will the new designator affect transfer credits?* Because of the limited GS courses, transfer credits are not an issue
- *Will any previous existing designators expire as the new one appears?* The GS (General Science) designator will expire as all students are enrolled under BHS and those students enrolled under GS complete their degrees.
- *How will the new designator benefit students?* The benefits of the BHS designator and BioHealth Sciences as a replacement name for the General Science major has been outlined in the Abbreviated Category 1 proposal. In brief, BHS is a more accurate designator than GS for a degree aimed at preparing students for the health sciences professions.