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Subject:	Item 6: Admissions Requirements for BHS in Medical Laboratory Science

Sheila,

The SAASC has voted to approve the proposed changes to the Medical Laboratory Science program.

Notes:

The request is to

    1. Delete Medical Laboratory Science standards from SR

    2. Change the Medical Laboratory Science admission requirement

Background

    1. The US provisionally approved program revisions in 5/2011, including a name change from Clinical Laboratory Science Professional Program to Medical Laboratory Science. Courses at the 800 level in the old program were changed to 400 level. So we can remove rules pertaining to the old Clinical Laboratory Science Professional Program (SR 5.3.2.2.1). The new program needs no special treatment.

    2. The old program raised GPA for admission to 2.75 in 2004. Current faculty unanimously want that changed to 2.50, to attract more high-quality students and to bring the prerequisite in line with similar programs at other flagship universities.

Discussion:

    Part 1 is clearly the right thing to do.

    Part 2 is fine; the faculty of the department are the best to judge whether this change will attract a larger number of qualified students without hurting the program. There is no evidence that this change will hurt other programs.

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MEMORANDUM

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          THROUGH: Karen Skaff, Clinical Science Department Chair

FR: Michelle Butina, Medical Laboratory Science Program Director

RE: Request for:

          1) Deletion of Medical Laboratory Science standards from Senate Rules, and
          2) Change in Medical Laboratory Science admission requirement

DATE: June 27, 2011

The faculty of the Medical Laboratory Science (formerly Clinical Laboratory Sciences) Program requests approval for the following changes. These changes follow the program revisions that were provisionally approved on May 16, 2011 by Faculty Senate Chair Swanson. (These program revisions included a change in the program name from Clinical Laboratory Science to Medical Laboratory Science.)

1) Deletion of current Senate Rules (5.3.2.2.1) listed for the "Clinical Laboratory Sciences Professional Program".
As part of the program revisions that were provisionally approved (5/16/11), the 800 level courses that were part of the 'old' program were changed to 400 level courses. There is no longer a need for separate rules for this program since the academic policies/standards are now consistent with those of the University. Thus, the Medical Laboratory Science faculty request deletion of these rules. (Please see the attached Senate Rules.)

2) Change in minimum grade point average (GPA) admission requirement for the Medical Laboratory Science Program.
In 2004, the former Clinical Laboratory Sciences Program made major program revisions and raised the minimum GPA for admission into the Program to 2.75 (on a 4.0 scale). Current Medical Laboratory Science faculty members have unanimously agreed that the minimum GPA for program admission should be lowered to 2.5 for two reasons. First, faculty members believe that some high quality students who could be successful in this program are not applying because they do not meet the minimum GPA. Second, faculty members reviewed equivalent Medical Laboratory Science programs at several flagship universities to review their admission requirements and program pre-requisite courses. Those programs with similar pre-requisite courses commonly required a minimum GPA of 2.5. Thus, faculty members believe that a decrease from 2.75 to 2.5 is justified.

Please contact Michelle Butina (mbu228@uky.edu or 218-0852) if you have questions or concerns.

5.3.2.2.1   Clinical Laboratory Science Professional Program
The following standards apply to undergraduate students in the Clinical Laboratory Science Professional Program (CLS):

A.   Student Progress
Students admitted to the CLS Program may advance into the senior year and/or clinical rotation of the CLS program of study on the condition that each has:

    1.   at least a GPA of 2.00 on all course work; and

    2.   earned a minimum grade of C (2.0) in every course with the CLS prefix.

B.   Undergraduate Professional Program Probation
Regardless of academic standing in the University, a student shall be placed on probation where the student:

    1.   earns a semester GPA less than 2.0 in all courses required by the CLS Program; or

    2.   earns a grade less than C (2.0) for any course having a CLS prefix.

C.   Removal from Clinical Laboratory Science Program Probation
A student shall be removed from probation when:

    1.   in the semester following probation, the student earns a semester GPA of at least 2.0 in courses required by the CLS Program; and

    2.   the student earns at least a grade of C (2.0) in any course with a CLS prefix in which previously the student earned a grade below C.

D.   Clinical Laboratory Science Program Suspension
A student shall be suspended when the student:

    1.   earns less than a semester GPA of 2.0 in courses required by the CLS Program at the end of the first probationary period or in any subsequent semester; or

    2.   earns less than a C in a course with a CLS prefix for the second time; or

    3.   earns less than a C in any two courses required in the CLS Program.

E.   Removal from Clinical Laboratory Science Program Suspension
A student may be reinstated into the CLS program when the student meets the requirements for readmission as determined by the CLS Admissions and Progression Committee. These requirements will be communicated to the student at the time of suspension.