

Brothers, Sheila

From: Schroeder, Margaret <m.mohr@uky.edu>
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 10:23 PM
To: Brothers, Sheila; McCormick, Katherine
Cc: Bosch, Anna
Subject: Confirmation of Not Having a USP Proposal

Confirmation of *Not Having* a USP Proposal

Rationale for bundling: The following University Scholars Programs have been in existence at some point in years past. There is no documentation that they were approved by the University Senate. As part of the USP clean-up process approved by Senate in May 2017, departments were given the opportunity to submit their USPs for senate approval. The following have chosen to NOT have an approved USP.

- Chemistry
- Geography

This is a recommendation that the University Senate suspend admissions into University Scholars Programs in the Department of Chemistry and in the Department of Geography, both within the College of Arts & Sciences, effective immediately.

Thanks! Margaret

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From: Harmon, Camille
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2018 9:01 AM
To: Brothers, Sheila
Subject: FW: University Scholars Program (USP)- Chemistry

Importance: High

-----Original Message-----

From: Meier, Mark
Sent: Tuesday, May 1, 2018 8:59 AM
To: Harmon, Camille <camille.harmon@uky.edu>
Cc: Chemistry Department - Director of Graduate Studies <dgs.chemistry@uky.edu>
Subject: Re: University Scholars Program (USP)- Chemistry
Importance: High

Hi Camille. Sorry that your email of last night got forgotten in the Morning Misery...

The Department of Chemistry would like to suspend admissions into the University Scholars program, effective immediately.

Thanks,
Mark

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Meier, Mark
> Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 8:27 AM
> To: Harmon, Camille <camille.harmon@uky.edu>
> Subject: Re: University Scholars Program (USP)- Chemistry

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> Hi Camille. I am very sorry that this program keeps slipping to the bottom of our to-do list.

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> Art Cammers and I have discussed the USP program in CHE and have the following observations:

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> 1. It has very limited appeal. We have probably had no more than 1 or 2 students take advantage of this opportunity since it was established ~20 years ago. There really isn't a market.

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> 2. As the system was constructed (and as I believe it still is), participants in the USP program are not eligible to be supported as TAs. We offer support as TAs (sometimes even RAs) to all students who are pursuing an MS degree in the Department, and it's rare for a student to turn these down - they get a stipend and their tuition covered. In addition, our undergraduate program needs more TAs than we can provide from our own graduate program (we hire people from other Colleges to fill the gaps), so we are highly motivated to have every eligible person on TA.

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> It's for these reasons that we really do not see a benefit for students or the Department and would like to drop the CHE USP program if that is possible.

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> Thanks,
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> Mark

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From: Harmon, Camille
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2018 9:05 AM
To: Brothers, Sheila
Subject: FW: University Scholars Program

From: Ehrkamp, Patricia
Sent: Tuesday, May 1, 2018 9:04 AM
To: Harmon, Camille <camille.harmon@uky.edu>
Subject: University Scholars Program

Hi Camille,

I am writing to inform you that the Department of Geography has decided to suspend admission into its University Scholars Program effective immediately.

Sincerely,

Patricia Ehrkamp
Associate Professor and Chair
Department of Geography
University of Kentucky