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FROM: Ryan C. Hendrickson, Dean

RE: BioChemistry-BioTechnology Graduate Program Status

DATE: October 20, 2020

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This memo is provided to reflect the shared decision to place the BioChemistry-BioTechnology graduate program on an admissions moratorium until Fall 2024, effective immediately. At the request of the graduate coordinator to temporarily halt the program, a consultative process ensued involving BCT program leaders and faculty, as well as myself, Dean Bonnekessen and Provost Gatrell. All have concurred that an admissions hiatus/moratorium will best serve the program at this time.

All current BCT program students will be provided the opportunity to complete the degree.

Graduate coordinator duties will cease at the conclusion of the current academic year.

Current applicants will be directed toward the Master of Science in Biological Sciences non-thesis graduate program, where many similar graduate skills can be acquired, including the opportunity to take graduate courses in Chemistry. Admissions staff in both the Office of International Students and Scholars and Graduate School have been notified.

In Fall 2023, graduate faculty leaders and university leadership will revisit the enrollment prospects for this degree and determine the value in reopening admissions and/or revise the program accordingly. This additional time allows all contributing graduate faculty members to later reevaluate the enrollment and curriculum potential for this degree.

Thank you for your contributions and engagement in this process.

cc: Provost Jay Gatrell  
Dean Barbara Bonnekessen  
CGS Chair Lee Patterson  
CGS Vice Chair Nikki Hillier  
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