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To: Undergraduate Council

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Re: Support for Pre-Requisite Change for CHEM 406 (Bioinorganic Chemistry)

Dear Undergraduate Council Members,

Please accept this letter as confirmation of my support for the pre-requisite change request for CHEM 406/606 (Bioinorganic Chemistry), to remove Chem 405 (Inorganic Chemistry) with a "C" or better and replace it with Chem 352 (Organic Chemistry) with a "C" or better. This change as outlined in the request form will allow for a greater number of students to enroll in this ever increasingly relevant class. The current pre-requisite of CHEM 405 was set many year ago when this course was first proposed and over the years, the necessary background information previously required from CHEM 405 has become integrated into the introductory materials in CHEM 406/606 negating its need as a pre-requisite. The addition of Chem 352 with a grade of "C" or better as a pre-requisite is being requested because under the current CHEM 405 pre-requisite this CHEM 352 is implicit as Chem 352 (with a grade of "C" or better) is a pre-requisite to Chem 405. As Chair of the only department (Chemistry and Biochemistry) that this change would impact, I am writing to provide a full endorsement of this request.

Sincerely,

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Chair; Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry