



ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

November 14, 2025

SUSPENSION OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MOLECULAR BIOTECHNOLOGY

REQUEST:

Approval for suspension for the following academic program: **Bachelor of Science in Molecular Biotechnology**.

FACTS:

The program faculty in the Department of Biological Sciences made the decision to close the B.S. program in Molecular Biotechnology because (1) enrollments have not grown as hoped when the program was created, and (2) the department has recently implemented curricular concentrations within the B.S. program in Biology (ref. #525). It is the intention to re-formulate the core of the Molecular Biotechnology program as a concentration within the B.S. in Biology. Beyond being more consistent and accessible for students, this will allow us to better market the concentration with the goal of increasing enrollments.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS:

Closing this academic program to new admissions will have minimal impact on the University budget because the program will be re-formulated as a concentration within the B.S. in Biology.

RECOMMENDATION & IMPLEMENTATION DATE:

President Timothy C. Caboni recommends approval of the suspension of the **Bachelor of Science in Molecular Biotechnology** to be implemented Fall 2026.

MOTION:

Approval to suspend the following program: **Bachelor of Science in Molecular Biotechnology** with implementation in Fall 2026.

EMERITUS APPOINTMENTS

REQUEST: Approval of faculty emeritus status for Dr. Molly Kerby, Dr. Stacy Wilson, and Dr. Margaret Gripshover.

FACTS: Listed below are faculty members who have been recommended by tenured faculty, department chair and college dean to be awarded emeritus status. They have served the university for at least ten years and have had distinguished records of achievement and service.

Potter College of Arts & Letters

Dr. Molly Kerby, Professor, Department of Sociology, Emeritus

Ogden College of Science and Engineering

Dr. Stacy Wilson, Professor, School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Emeritus

Dr. Margaret Gripshover, Professor, Department of Earth, Environmental, and Atmospheric Sciences, Emeritus

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS: No funds needed.

RECOMMENDATION: President Timothy C. Caboni recommends awarding the above individuals emeritus status.

MOTION: Approval of emeritus status awarded for the recommended individuals.