

MEMORANDUM

To: Arik Dvir
Chair of Biological Sciences

From: Susan Awbrey
Chair of University Committee on Undergraduate Instruction

Re: Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences

On March 25th UCUI reviewed the proposal for the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences. The committee reviewed the answers given to its written questions as well as relevant information from the department.

UCUI had serious concerns regarding both the answers provided to its questions and the process that was used to develop the proposal. Significantly, members of the committee did not believe that it was demonstrated that a new major was needed or that the same result could not be achieved by creating a track within biology. As the committee charged with ensuring that curriculum can be effectively implemented, UCUI did not think that there was evidence to demonstrate that other units teaching within the curriculum were included in planning the resources for the program. UCUI members also indicated that during times of financial stress on the institution, more should have been done to identify existing courses taught in other units that could be modified or collaboratively developed to support the program.

A motion was passed to return the proposal for the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences to the department to reconsider all issues noted above without a vote on the current proposal.