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<b>Date:</b>	October 24, 2023
<b>RE:</b>	Chemistry, BS – Academic Program Review

Thank you for joining me to discuss the Academic Program Review for Chemistry. It was a pleasure to read the self-study and engage in a thoughtful discussion about the direction of the program with a large group of Chemistry faculty.

I appreciate the program's dedication to engaging students in the major and establishing a sense of STEM pride on campus through clubs and organizations as well as faculty mentorship and outreach to middle schools and high schools in the region. I also appreciate your concerns and suggestions regarding New Student Orientation and coordination of student participation for small departments.

I recognize that the program has operational needs around maintaining laboratory equipment and the need to establish a maintenance and replacement plan with appropriate staff support.

The Office of Assessment will review the ACS standards and requirements to determine overlap/alignment with the campus/Chancellor's Office requirements for annual reporting and program review to determine how efforts can be streamlined to avoid redundancy in collection, analysis, and reporting of student learning achievement outcomes.

The result of this Academic Program Review is that your Program is approved for continuance.

Sincerely,



Richard Ogle, Ph.D.  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

**MEMORANDUM**