



November 15, 2017

To: Dr. Meg Daly, Chair of ASCC

From: Charles J. Daniels, Chair ASCC Natural and Mathematical Sciences Panel

Dear Meg,

On November 6th the Natural and Mathematical Sciences Panel reviewed the request from the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry for a small revision in the Physics requirement in the Biochemistry BA degree program.

Currently, Biochemistry BA students are required to complete the "calculus-based" Physics 1250 and 1251 series; the proposed change will give the students the option to take either the current 1250/1251 series or the less mathematically demanding "algebra-based" Physics 1200 and 1201 series. This change will not impact BA student's preparation for upper-level courses and will bring the Biochemistry BA requirements inline with those for the BA in Chemistry where either Physics series can be taken. This change would also allow students who have taken the Physics 1200/1201 series to transfer into the Biochemistry BA program without having to take a second introductory Physics series.

The NMS committee requested only minor revisions in the text and voted unanimously to approve the request.

Respectfully,

Charles J. Daniels, Ph.D.