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Vice Provost W. Randy Smith
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Dear Dr. Smith and Council on Academic Affairs Members,

On behalf of the College of Pharmacy, I am submitting for Council review a change to the Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences (BSPS) program. This proposal to update the major transfer criteria was developed with College faculty, staff, and student input and unanimously approved by faculty in June, 2017.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Proposal for Change to the Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences Program The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy

Summary

The following proposal describes a modification to the Bachelors of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences (BSPS) Program, unanimously approved by the faculty at the College of Pharmacy in June 2017. This change to the major transfer criteria, detailed below, will help to improve student access to the program.

Changes to criteria for transferring into the BSPS major

Background

Currently, students who wish to change their major to BSPS from another major at OSU or transfer from another institution into the BSPS program must currently do the following:

- Complete MATH 1151, CHEM 1210 & 1220, and BIO 1113 & 1114
- Complete 30 or more credit hours
- Have attained an overall GPA of 2.7

We have multiple concerns about these criteria, including:

- These requirements are more rigorous than newly approved admission criteria for direct enroll students, who only need to declare the major at the time of application.
- By enacting these extensive transfer requirements, we limit the number of students who can join the program and also create a more challenging process in which they can do so.
- Importantly, there exist no data to suggest that these criteria actually predict student success in the BSPS program.

Proposed change:

In this revision, we propose changing the transfer requirements such that any transfer or major-change student will:

- Have attained an overall GPA of 2.5
- Complete an online training session overviewing the BSPS transfer process
- Meet with a College of Pharmacy Academic Advisor to discuss:
 - Any issues related to time to degree (Math placement, Chemistry prerequisites, etc.)
 - GPA (being aware of any academic requirements for post-graduation plans)
 - Rigor of courses in the major, including science emphasis
 - Other more appropriate majors if needed

Predicted impact of change:

Increased student access to our major with reduced admission barriers