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Subject: Proposal to deactivate the Vision Science major leading to the Bachelor of Science
Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2026 5:22:50 PM
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Andrew:

The proposal from the College of Arts and Sciences to deactivate the Vision Science major leading to the Bachelor of Science was approved by the Council on Academic Affairs at its meeting on April 8, 2026. Thank you for attending the meeting to respond to questions/comments.

No additional level of internal review/approval is necessary. This action will be included in the Council's next Annual Activities Report to the University Senate (July 2026).

My office will now work with you on the approval process with the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

The Office of the University Registrar will work you with any implementation issues.

Please keep a copy of this message for your file on the proposal and I will do the same for the file in the Office of Academic Affairs.

If you have any questions please contact the Chair of the Council, Professor Sue Sutherland (.43), or me.

Randy



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Subject: Informational items--Deactivations
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Attachments: [Informational Item Bachelor of Arts Personalized Study Plan Major Deactivation.pdf](#)
[Informational Item Bachelor of Science Personalized Study Plan Major Deactivation.doc](#)
[Informational Item Bachelor of Science Vision Science Major Deactivation.doc](#)
[Informational Item BA Portuguese.pdf](#)
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Dear Randy and Katie,

Please find attached four informational items to share at an upcoming CAA meeting. All are requests for undergraduate major deactivations to conform with Ohio SB1.

The deactivations are for:

- BA Personalized Study Plan
- BS Personalized Study Plan
- BS Vision Science
- BA Portuguese

Professor Ila Nagar, Chair of ASCC, shared the proposed deactivations as informational items at the ASC Curriculum Committee meeting today, Friday, March 13, 2026

Best regards,
Bernadette



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March 13, 2026

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Dear Randy:

The College of Arts and Sciences is requesting Council on Academic Affairs approval for the deactivation of the Vision Science degree, which is offered through the college. Low enrollment is the reason for proposed deactivation, as stipulated by SB1. Currently four students are enrolled in this program, and they will be supported through the completion of the program. The College of Optometry, which partners with ASC for this major, is aware of this deactivation.

Please let me know if any additional information is needed in support of this request.

Sincerely,

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