

Graduate Council Resolution

Resolution to Recommend Approval of adding the Masters of Arts Degree in Chemistry in the College of Science

WHEREAS, the Chemistry Department proposes a non-thesis based Master of Arts (MA) degree in addition to the currently offered research-thesis based Master of Science (MS) degree, and

WHEREAS, the proposed MA degree would be awarded to students upon completion of all requirements for admission to doctoral candidacy, and would offer students, who choose not to complete the dissertation process leading to the Ph.D., an appropriate degree leading to career path options not available at the BS/BA degree level, and

WHEREAS, the proposed degree option could lead to an increased number of individuals in the high STEM fields such as chemistry, and

WHEREAS, this approach is consistent with other science departments and related departments at SIU and other universities nationwide, and

WHEREAS, other educational units will not be affected based on this action and no changes in faculty, staff and/or budgetary effects are anticipated, with the exception of minor catalog corrections,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the Graduate Council recommends approval of the addition of a Master of Arts degree in Chemistry in the College of Science.