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ACTION REQUEST:

Approval of Department Name Charles in the

College of Arts and Sciences, University of Michigan-Flint

CURRENT NAME:

Department of Chemistry

RECOMMENDED NAME:

Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

EFFECTIVE DATE:

December 1, 2005

The dean and the executive committee of the College of Arts and Sciences of the University of Michigan-Flint request approval to change the name of the Department of Chemistry to the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry.

The Biochemistry Option has the majority of the students in the Chemistry Department. The name change to the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry will reflect what the current major thrust of the department is and what it will be in the foreseeable future. It will create more visibility for one of the most successful options in the Chemistry Department. It will also create more visibility for the biochemistry major at the undergraduate level.

The Chemistry Department currently has four concentrations: the General Program in Chemistry, Biochemistry Option, Environmental Chemistry Option and the Teacher Certificate Program. Minors in Chemistry and a Teacher's Certificate Minor are also available.

The proposed establishment of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry will contain approximately four tenure track faculty and three lecturers. Its establishment will provide the organizational unit needed to sustain and enhance the reputation of the University of Michigan-Flint for excellence in chemistry and biochemistry.

The chair will be responsible for providing academic, administrative, and financial leadership for the department.

RECOMMENDED BY:

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

D. J. Trela, Dean

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Juan E. Mestas, Chancellor

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