

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mr. Todd Bruns, Chair, Faculty Senate  
Dr. Marita Gronnvol, Chair, Council on Academic Affairs,  
Dr. Ryan Hendrickson, Provost,  
Dr. Barbara Bonnekessen, Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences,  
Dr. Christopher Mitchell, Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences,  
Dr. Thomas Canam, Chair, Department of Biological Sciences,  
Dr. Ed Treadwell, Chair, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry,  
Dr. Robert Chesnut, Dean, Graduate School  
Dr. Jeffrey R. Stowell, Department of Psychology

**FROM:** Alexis Jones, Chair, Council on Graduate Studies

**DATE:** 1-17-25

**RE:** Termination of the Biochemistry and Biotechnology Master's Program

At its meeting on December 3, 2024, the Council on Graduate Studies (CGS) approved the termination of the Master of Science in Biochemistry and Biotechnology program, effective immediately.

As noted in the materials provided to CGS in consideration of this decision, CGS unanimously agreed to recommend program termination. This decision follows a process that began with the program's admission moratorium in 2020 due to declining enrollment. During the reassessment of the program in Fall 2023, neither the Department of Biological Sciences nor the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry expressed interest in continuing or revising the program.

No faculty lines will be affected by this termination, and students currently enrolled in the program will be allowed to complete their degrees. Prospective students are directed to other graduate programs offering similar skill development opportunities.