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Memorandum

To: Agnes DeFranco, Ph.D.
Assistant Vice President for Undergraduate Studies

From: F. Lamar Pritchard, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Pharmacy

Re: The Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences Program

I respectfully request that the University of Houston Undergraduate Council consider the following request from the College of Pharmacy. I would like to request that the Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences Program at the University of Houston College of Pharmacy be phased out in its current form. I would like to propose that the program no longer accept new students into the program. I would also like to propose that the current program continue for three more years, through the summer of 2012, in order to provide the 57 students (juniors and seniors) currently enrolled in the program ample opportunity to graduate.

The reasons for my request are three-fold. These reasons include: 1) The relative lack of perceived employment opportunities post-graduation outside of applying to the professional pharmacy program, 2) The lower than expected demand for the program by our students, 3) The desire to create a future multidisciplinary health sciences degree program that better matches the needs of our students and the marketplace with the many strengths of our university across a myriad of disciplines.

I would also like to propose that the university consider awarding the B.S. degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences to students in the professional pharmacy program after the successful completion of their second professional year. This would increase the university's six-year graduation rate as well as award our students with a B.S. degree which would be extremely useful should they not progress beyond the second professional year.

I would also like to request expedited review of this request due to the relatively close proximity to the program's recruiting and admissions processes in the spring of 2010. Thank you for this consideration.

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