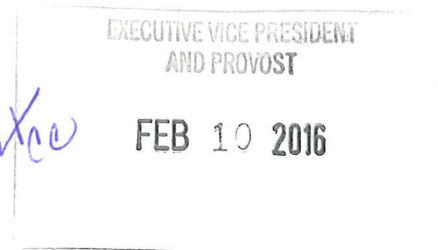




February 3, 2016

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Dear Dr. Dickens:

Thank you for your letter of November 13, 2015, notifying the Commission of your intent to close the following degree programs:

- Bachelor of Arts in Biochemistry
- Bachelor of Arts in Biology
- Bachelor of Arts in Human Ecology

The closures are due to low and declining enrollments. The majority of students enrolling in these disciplines are enrolling in the Bachelor of Science and Arts or the Bachelor of Science degree programs in the specific disciplines. Students will no longer be admitted to these B.A. degree programs, effective fall 2016. Students will receive notification of the closures and will receive guidance regarding their curricular options during advising sessions with faculty and staff from the College of Natural Sciences. Students will be informed of the closures during summer 2016 orientation sessions. Courses required for the B.A. degree programs will continue to be offered through the B.S.A. and B.S. degree programs. Currently enrolled students will have until August 2022, to complete their B.A. degree program. In an email to Dr. Jerry Stephens, dated February 2, 2016, you confirmed that students will incur no additional costs due to the closures. Faculty and staff were notified of the closures via email, administrative meetings, and the information was posted on the College of Natural Sciences website. Faculty and staff will not be affected adversely by the closures.

We approve the closure of the Bachelor of Arts in Biochemistry, the Bachelor of Arts in Biology, and the Bachelor of Arts in Human Ecology degree programs.

Best regards,

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President

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