

**TO:** George M. Philip, Interim President

**FROM:** John Delano, Chair, University Senate

**DATE:** December 23, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Senate Bill 0809-07

The following Senate Bill is being submitted for your consideration. It was passed with strong support at the December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the University Senate under the condition that the word "accredited" be deleted from the original title of the proposed academic program. The concern noted during the Senate's discussion was that accreditation has a five-year cycle, and that perpetual accreditation of this proposed program could never be guaranteed. While the Department of Chemistry would intend to apply for accreditation of this proposed academic program, if approved, faculty in that department understood the Senate's concern, and met promptly to revise the title of the proposed program.

Following consultation with representatives from the Chemistry Department and members of the University Senate (Dick Collier, Senate Secretary; Joan Savitt, Chair of Undergraduate Academic Council; John Delano, Chair of University Senate), a consensus was reached on the title of the proposed B.S. program: *Accredited Forensic Emphasis* (original title) has been revised to *Comprehensive Chemistry Forensic Emphasis*.

**Senate Bill 0809-07**: Proposal to establish a B.S. program in the Department of Chemistry entitled *Comprehensive Chemistry Forensic Emphasis*.

Thank you for your consideration of this Senate Bill.