

## **TRANSMITTAL AND ABSTRACT OF SENATE REPORT**

**Date Presented to the Senate: February 11, 2007**

**Presenter: Carmen Balthrop, Chair, Senate Programs, Curricula, and Courses Committee**

**Subject of Report: Proposal to rename the Master of Life Sciences as the Master of Chemical and Life Sciences**

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**Voting: (a) on resolutions or recommendations one by one, or  
(b) in a single vote  
(c) to endorse entire report**

### **A. Statement of Issue:**

The College of Chemical and Life Sciences proposes to rename the Master of Life Sciences as the Master of Chemical and Life Sciences, to reflect more accurately the nature of the academic program and for consistency with the name of the College.

The proposal was submitted to the Senate by the Office of Academic Affairs following favorable recommendation by the Academic Planning Advisory Committee (APAC) on September 24, 2007. The proposal was approved by the Graduate Programs, Curricula & Courses Committee on October 26, the Graduate Council on November 28, and the Senate Programs, Curricula & Courses Committee on November December 7. If the Senate approves the proposal, it would still require further approval by the President and the Chancellor (with notification to the Maryland Higher Education Commission).

### **B. Recommendation:**

The Senate Committee on Programs, Curricula, and Courses recommends that the Senate approve the name change.

### **C. Committee Work:**

The Committee considered the proposal at its meeting on December 7, 2007. After brief discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the name change.

### **D. Alternatives:**

The Senate could decline to approve the name change.

**E. Risks:**

If the Senate does not approve the name change, confusion could arise from disparities between the name of the degree program and its content, and the name of the degree program and the college in which it is housed.

**F. Financial Implications:**

There are no indications of a financial risk.