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Dr. Roger Miesfeld, Head
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Dear Dr. Miesfeld:

The Committee on Professional Training reviewed the department's 2016 periodic report. Based on the information available, the Committee concluded that the chemistry program meets all of the requirements in the ACS Guidelines and agreed to **continue approval**.

The Committee commended the university's support for faculty professional development as well as the resources and opportunities available. This is a high-quality chemistry program that excels at providing students with a rigorous and comprehensive curriculum and challenging laboratory experiences. The diversity of the faculty is impressive, and the Committee was pleased to learn that a diversity and inclusion committee has been formed within the department. The Committee also commended the department's strong focus on oral and written communication skills and laboratory safety. The student research reports were excellent, and the department does a good job of providing opportunities for independent research at the cutting edge of chemistry.

MSN requirement. Under the 2015 ACS Guidelines, approved programs must include instruction in at least two of the following four types of systems in the course work that is required for student certification: synthetic polymers, biological macromolecules, supramolecular aggregates, meso- or nanoscale materials. After reviewing the information in Item 5.7 of the periodic report form and the course materials provided, the Committee agreed that the program satisfies this new requirement.

The program's next periodic report will be due in **2022**. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the information in this letter or the expectations for ACS-approved programs.

Sincerely,

Cathy A. Nelson
Secretary
Committee on Professional Training

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✓ c: Dr. Ann Weaver Hart, President