

June 26, 2015

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Dear Dr. Cordes:

Thank you very much for your application for ASBMB department/program accreditation. We are pleased to inform you that ASBMB has accredited your program for the **full 7-year term (June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2022)**.

Aspects of your application that were considered particularly noteworthy included:

- Faculty strength across broad range of chemistry and biochemistry
- Diverse student body and faculty
- Requirement for research for BS graduates

Despite the overall strength of your application, some areas of relative weakness, ambiguity, or concern were identified:

- No required biology beyond the introductory level
- Low end of required hours in experiential learning
- Little time for training in ethics

As we gain experience with this new program, we continue to identify ways in which the process can be improved in both substance and execution. In particular, we would appreciate receiving more information on the following topics as part of your next renewal application:

- Distinction between BA and BS requirements and outcomes
- How biology is being integrated into upper levels of the curriculum
- Options for sabbaticals for faculty development

We encourage you to share this good news with your university community and stakeholders. If you are contemplating the release of an article, blog post or press release, please know that the ASBMB is very interested in helping to promote it. We therefore ask that you send a copy to Allison Frick ([africk@asbmb.org](mailto:africk@asbmb.org)). If you send a tweet, tag @ASBMB in it, and we'll retweet you.

Again, we thank you for your well-conceived application and congratulate you on your strong program. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,



Adele J. Wolfson for the ASBMB department/program accreditation sub-committee