

## FACULTY AGENDA ITEM

Date: September 15, 2014

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SUBJECT: *CHEMISTRY CURRICULUM CHANGE FOR ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN LABORATORY SCIENCE*

Description: Associate of Arts Degree in Laboratory Science (replacing the current AS program)

Rationale: *The majority of students who declare this College of Arts and Sciences associate degree are pre-pharmacy students. The University of Kansas (KU) Pharmacy School is the anticipated destination of almost all of these WU pre-pharmacy students. The General education curriculum at KU – the KU Core, changed in Fall, 2013. Students transferring into the KU pharmacy program are expected to have completed Goals 1-3 of the Core before admission. Students who are admitted with a completed Associate of Arts degree from a regionally accredited institution will be considered to have met Goals 1-3 of the Core. Students who are admitted with any other associate degree such as the existing Associate of Science must go through a course by course analysis to determine if they have completed these requirements. Changing the Associate of Science in Laboratory Science to an Associate of Arts in Laboratory Science WU Pre-pharmacy, students will have an easier time meeting the KU Core requirements and gain more flexibility in the courses they may take at Washburn without compromising rigor.*

*In moving from the Associate of Science emphasis to the balanced focus of the Associate of Arts degree, the program meets the spirit of the KU Core. This will greatly benefit the students in their Pharmacy path.*

Financial Implications: *None*

Proposed Effective Date: *Spring 2015*

Request for Action: *Approval by CAS Faculty*

Approved by: AAC on date      *September 22, 2014*

*FAC on date*

*Faculty Senate on date      October 6, 2014*

Attachments Yes  No