Graduate Council Agenda Item Approval Form

Date: March 3, 2016

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I approve these items to be presented to the Graduate Council.

Signature: ________________________

Dean, School of Science and Mathematics
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Proposal for a Modification to the Accelerated Master’s Program in Biology

Action Item: Modify the admission requirements to allow Citadel undergraduate students from any major into the program as long as they have successfully completed a minimum of 8 credit hours in biology coursework.

Discussion/Rationale:

Currently, only those Citadel undergraduate students pursuing a B.S. in Biology, a B.S. in Biology, Secondary Teaching Specialization, or a B.S. in Chemistry, Biochemistry specialization degrees are eligible for the accelerated program. This requirement is overly restrictive for enrollment. By contrast, applicants to our M.A. in Biology program do not need to have a baccalaureate degree in biology, although it is expected that they have had 8 credit hours in undergraduate biology coursework. By changing the admission criteria for the accelerated program, the two programs will be consistent with regard to the minimum level of biology background. Other admission requirements for the Accelerated Master’s program, including senior classification and minimum 3.5 GPA will remain unchanged.