



TO: Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

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AGENDA ITEM: 4

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy: Change in admission requirements

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

Minor changes to individual programs or to divisional practices [concerning admissions] are normally approved by the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

N/A

HIGHLIGHTS:

The Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy is proposing a change in the admission requirement to include a first-year level university Biology course as a pre-requisite for admission to the undergraduate program, beginning in the 2004 admission cycle. There have been concerns about the preparedness of students entering Pharmacy with the current OAC Biology requirement. A review of the course outline for the new Grade 12 preparation course have not allayed these concerns. A first-year Biology course is a requirement for all life science programs and one that all Pharmacy applicants should easily be able to meet within their first year of university study.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs approve:

THAT, beginning in the 2004 admission cycle, a first-year level university Biology course be a pre-requisite for admission to the undergraduate program in the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy.



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Carolyn J. Tuohy
Dear Professor Tuohy:

I write to seek approval of a change in the admission requirements for the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy. This change was precipitated largely due to the changes in the Ontario high school curriculum which will see the phasing out of the current OAC system and the introduction of new Grade 12 university preparation courses. The proposed change was approved by Faculty Council on May 16, 2002. The motion reads:

Moved/Seconded: That we require a first year level university Biology course as a pre-requisite for admission to the undergraduate program in the Faculty of Pharmacy, beginning in the 2004 admission cycle.

Rationale:

There have been issues with the preparedness of students entering Pharmacy with the current OAC Biology requirement. With the introduction of the new high school curriculum the concerns regarding high school level Biology as a requirement have not been allayed. Several course co-ordinators have reviewed the course outline for the new Grade 12 university preparation Biology course (SBI4U) and have expressed serious concern regarding the depth of material. Since the new Grade 12 course does not appear to be any more comprehensive than the current OAC course, the Faculty seeks to make Biology a university level requirement as of the 2004 admission cycle. This will coincide with the year that the first graduates from the new Ontario high school curriculum would be eligible to apply to Pharmacy and would give a one year lead time for the Faculty to notify prospective applicants of the change.

First year Biology is a requirement for all Life Science programs and, therefore, this requirement is one that all Pharmacy applicants should easily be able to meet within their first year of university.

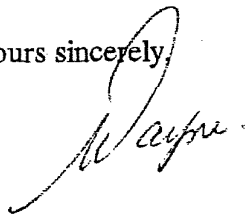
Summary of Entrance Requirements:

2002 (Current requirements)	2003	As of 2004
English - OAC 1	OAC 1 or ENG4U	OAC 1 or ENG4U
Biology - OAC or University	OAC or SBI4U or University	University
Physics - OAC or University	OAC or SPH4U or University	OAC or SPH4U or University
Chemistry - University (equivalent to U of T CHM138H + 139H or 137Y/135Y)	same	same
Calculus - University (equivalent to U of T MAT135Y)	same	same

PLUS

TWO full-credit equivalents from different subject areas in Humanities and/or Social Sciences (at least one full-credit equivalent MUST be taken at the university level, the other may be taken at the OAC or new Ontario Grade 12 university preparation level)

Yours sincerely,



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