

MEMORANDUM

TO: Matt Hudelson, Executive Secretary
Faculty Senate

FROM: Becky Bitter, Registrar's Office

FOR: Academic Affairs Committee

DATE: February 15, 2023

SUBJECT: Follow Up on the Proposal to Establish the BS in Pharmaceutical and Medical Sciences

Prompted by discussion of the proposal to establish the BS in Pharmaceutical and Medical Sciences at the Faculty Senate meeting of January 19, 2023, the Academic Affairs Committee requested additional information and comments from CVM, CAS, and CPPS.

On February 14, 2023, AAC discussed the documents and acknowledged the following:

- While there were conversations between the stakeholders beginning as early as 2020, the correspondence from stakeholders indicates that there wasn't enough contact to resolve concerns.
- As the comments from CVM, CAS, and CPPS show, there is disagreement about the extent to which this new degree would siphon Pullman students to Spokane (thus negatively affecting Pullman programs in SMB and SBS).
- Looking at data showing the number of students who transfer from the Spokane area to Pullman in these majors, AAC understands that the number is roughly 3-11 per year.
- Course overlap can be difficult to evaluate when the approach to teaching content has a different lens (e.g., MATH 140 and 171 both teach calculus but one focuses on life sciences and the other on engineering and the physical sciences). AAC heard that the courses in the proposed degree would focus on human health and drug related topics.

AAC recommends that the concerned academic unit administrators convene as soon as possible in order to resolve their differences as it relates to this proposal, in keeping with goals and operating principles of OneWSU.