



MEMORANDUM

TO: Undergraduate Council

DATE: December 16, 2019

FROM: Hal Sadofsky, Divisional Dean for Natural Sciences

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Hal Sadofsky'.

SUBJECT: Support for Bioengineering Major Proposal

The departments of Biology, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Computer and Information Sciences, Mathematics and Physics all support busy undergraduate programs, with limits to spare capacity. I'm endorsing this proposal on behalf of the college, aware that if the major generates a large number of students in addition to the numbers currently taking core courses from those departments, it potentially requires us to add resources (extra sections of classes, or extra GE's assigned to classes or extra classes) in order to accommodate those students. We expect to do put these resources in place if needed.

I've consulted with the relevant department heads, and they also intend to support students in this major, with the same caveat that instructional resources for their department may need to be adjusted if there is a large influx of students.

I don't believe that any of the courses in the departments listed that are required for this major have restrictions in place that give preference to students from the home department. If that is the case we will change those restrictions so that students from BIOE have the same level of access.

Please note: in general CAS and CAS departments teach a huge number of student credit hours that support majors outside of the individual departments and outside of CAS. We always take very seriously the responsibility to provide those courses so that students in these majors can succeed.