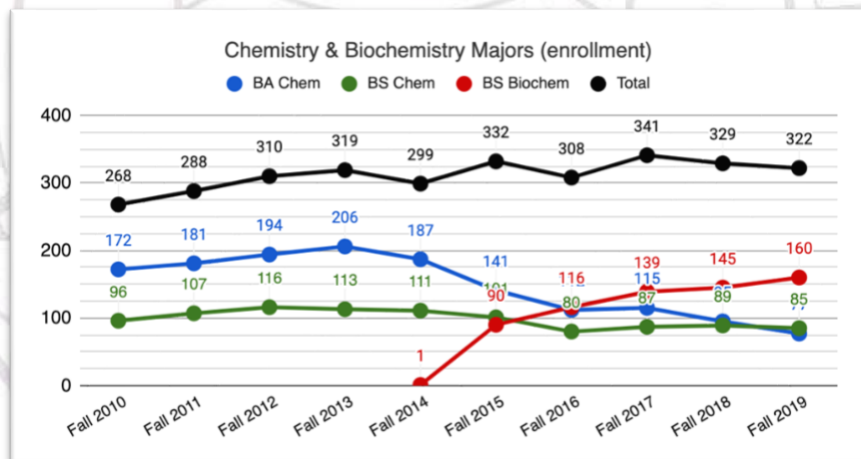


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Dear Provost Jiménez-Sandoval:

I am writing to request a change to the name of our department. In discussion with the faculty, we voted and unanimously agreed that a department name change is necessary and timely.

I request our department name be changed from the *Department of Chemistry*, to the **Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry**. Our B.S. Biochemistry program was approved and initiated in 2014, and became one of three undergraduate programs in our department, including the B.S. Chemistry and B.A. Chemistry programs. As of fall 2019, the number of B.S. Biochemistry undergraduates has rapidly grown to ~50% of all our majors (see the graph below; data from OIE and Tableau). The addition of 'biochemistry' to our name accurately and proudly represents our students, the interdisciplinary curriculum, and the development of research in our department.



There is no current cost to the department name change/addition. The faculty and staff are excited about the name change, and most importantly the positive impact it will have on our students.

Please let me know if there are any questions or concerns.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our request.

Best Regards,

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