**Academic Program Subcommittee Minutes**

**April 29th, 2025**

**Voting members present**: Moe Momayez, Lisa Rezende, Michael McKisson, Melissa Goldsmith, Christopher Domin, Dana Lema, Marie Wallace.

**Non-voting members present**: Melanie Madden, Jameshia Granberry, Brandon Phillips

1. **Lisa Rezende called meeting order at 3:30pm**
   1. **Approval of**[**APS April 1st, 2025**](https://academicadmin.arizona.edu/sites/default/files/2025-04/APS-April-1st-minutes.docx)**, meeting minutes**
      1. Minutes were approved unanimously.
2. **Old Business**
   1. [**New Major: BS in Medical Device Development and Application**](https://academicadmin.arizona.edu/sites/default/files/2025-04/Proposal-BS-in-MDDA.pdf)
      1. We’ve had multiple discussions with various stakeholders regarding the purpose and rationale behind this degree program. The primary goal is to ensure graduates are workforce-ready. While we already offer programs that prepare students for medical school and graduate-level allied health fields, this initiative aligns with the **Arizona Healthy Tomorrow Plan** set forth by ABOR.

Given the current student debt landscape, it’s important that graduates have clear, immediate pathways into the workforce. To support this, we’re collaborating with companies like Stryker, Johnson & Johnson, and La Roche. Through Tech Launch, we’re working to establish internships and placement opportunities that can lead directly into leadership development programs after graduation.

Our aim is not only to prepare students academically but also to give them a “first look” opportunity — a step through the door — so they can transition seamlessly into the professional world upon graduating.

**Q: There are some fairly advanced science courses included that I believe require more chemistry than currently listed. Is there an advising plan for students pursuing Emphasis 2?**

**A:** Yes, we’re still finalizing some aspects of Emphasis 2. Our goal is to ensure it remains accessible to anyone interested in that track. However, it is more tailored to students who are willing to take on additional coursework — such as more chemistry or advanced math. We also still need to develop a few of the necessary courses, especially those related to biotech. That’s an area we’re actively working on, to ensure we provide accessible, targeted coursework in that domain.

**Moe Momayez motioned to approve. Michale McKisson seconded. Motion carried unanimously with 6 yeas.**

1. **Meeting adjourned at 3:50pm**

*Respectfully prepared by Bryanna Andrade*