Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission FEPAC

Actions taken February 2022 – July 2022

March 6, 2022

Based on the Self-Study submitted by Loyola University Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science, Standard 4.2.1c Forensic Science Courses was not in compliance of the FEPAC Standard. The standard requires a minimum of six additional semester hours in advanced, upper-level forensic science courses that provide greater depth in forensic science beyond an introductory level are required. The courses shall include laboratory training. Of the programs listed in this standard, FRSC342 is not a science course with a laboratory component and not applicable to this standard. The program response states that the programs in forensic chemistry, forensic biology, and anthropology are required in each respective field of study. Additionally, the course tracking information provided by the program instructs students to choose either anthropology, biology, or chemistry for the capstone experience.

It is unclear if all students are required to take all courses listed or only those courses applying to their specific track. If the later, the program does not meet the require of six hours of study with a laboratory. The Commission place the program on Conditional status for a period not to exceed one year (March 6, 2023) or until the program can provide evidence to FEPAC of full compliance.

Reference 2022 0309 LUC BSFS PD Resp detailing the programs compliance with the Standard.

MOTION: To award full accreditation to the Loyola University Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science. MSUA

March 16, 2022

Substantive Change submitted by the Lasell University Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science a change of the program director replacing Leanna Farnam, PhD with Cristina Haverty, PhD. A review of all documents demonstrates Dr. Haverty to mee all FEPAC requirements for program director.

MOTION: To approve Cristina Haverty, PhD as Program Director for the Lasell University BSFS program. MSUA

July 6, 2022

Substantive Change submitted by the Marshall University Master of Science in Forensic Science program a change of program director replacing Catherine Rushton, PhD with Lauren Richards Waugh, PhD. A review of all documents remonstrated Dr. Waugh to meet all FEPAC requirements for program director.

MOTION: To approve Lauren Richards Waugh, PhD as Program Director for the MSFS program. MSUA

July 6, 2022

Substantive Change submitted by the University of Illinois-Chicago Masters of Science Dr. Ashley Hall, Assistant Professor in Forensic Science, resigned from the program effective May 9, 2022. Due to this, the College of Pharmacy Administration placed the Masters of Science in Forensic Science on suspension from admitting new students for the fall of 2023 on June 8, 2022 The purpose of the suspension is to assess a replacement allowing the program to proceed with the research for our existing students under the current program director. Further information will be forthcoming as the administration decides on the replacement. UIC MSFS will not be accepting students this fall.

Currently under review.