

**Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission  
FEPAC  
Actions taken July 2021 – February 2022**

**July 8, 2021**

Substantive Changes submitted by the Cedar Crest College Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science courses FSC 241 Crime Scene Pattern Analysis, FSC 347 Trace Evidence and Microscopy, FSC 358, Forensic Molecular Biology (labs not affected). FSC 349 Professional Issues in Forensic Science replaced by FSC 518 Legal, Ethical, and Administrative Issues in Forensic Science (graduate level) and incorporated materials taught in FSC 349. CHE 335 Physical Chemistry no longer required. Changes were made due to burdens caused by the pandemic. Programs were also credit-heavy and did not affect the graduate programs.

**MOTION: To approve curricular changes as outlined. MSUA**

**August 10, 2021**

Substantive Change submitted by the Texas A&M University Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science course, restructuring of FIVS 482 Occupational and Professional Development and stacked with a similar course from the Entomology program. The course will include general professional development content as well as topic-specific lectures relevant to Forensic and Investigative Sciences. Hours related to FEPAC requirements are not impacted.

**MOTION: To approve the change and structure of FIVS 482 Occupational and Professional Development. MSUA**

**August 21, 2021**

Call for comments – Proposed update to Standard 4.3 Program Director based crime scene investigations and digital evidence concentrations, many qualified program directors may come from a background with no experience in an operational forensic science laboratory. Proposed changes to the standard as follows:

1. A minimum of a Master's or professional degree appropriate for a forensic science program, and at least three years relevant experience as a forensic science practitioner in an operational forensic science laboratory setting *except for Crime Scene Investigations and Digital Evidence programs only, where the program director shall have at least an appropriate master's degree plus five years relevant experience*; OR earned doctorate in an appropriate discipline, and three years experience as an academic forensic scientist that includes appropriate educational, research, and service contributions to forensic science; and,

**MOTION: To approve the changes to Standard 4.3 Program Director as written for immediate implementation.**

**November 4, 2021**

Substantive Change submitted by the University of Alabama @ Birmingham Master of Science in Forensic Science program reporting the hire of full-time tenure track faculty. The Commission did not consider this a substantive change and no action was taken or required. The program was notified.

**December 6, 2021**

Substantive Change submitted by Laurentian University BSFS program advising the return of former program director Scott Fairgrieve replacing James Watterson as program director. Dr. Fairgrieve program director from the time of first accreditation in 2010 until his leave in 2019.

**MOTION: To approve Dr. Scott Fairgrieve as Laurentian University Honors B.Sc. in Forensic Science (Single Specialization) and Honors B.Sc. in Forensic Science and Chemistry (Combined Specialization) MSUA**

**December 12, 2021**

Substantive Change submitted by Buffalo State College BSFS to address the curricular requirements for the FEPAC Chemistry, the undergraduate degree was revised. Ref. course description and syllabi provided.

**MOTION: To approve the course revisions to address the B.S. degree in Forensic Chemistry. MSA, absent were Murrell Godfrey and Lynn VanWormer**

**January 5, 2022**

Substantive Change submitted by Florida International MSFS program advising the replacement of current program director, Jeffrey Wells, by Jullian Mendel, PhD. Commissioners express concern that Dr. Mendel may not have the management experience required by the Standard.

**MOTION: To approve the curricular changes the SUNY Buffalo State College BS in Forensic Chemistry as outlined. MSUA**