## **Missouri State University**

## Notice of Appeal of Council/Committee Action

(This form applies to appeals of actions of College and Graduate Councils, PEC and CGEIP)

Date:October 15, 2025
Council or Committee Whose Action Is Being Appealed: CNAS College Council
Specific Action Being Appealed: <u>Approval of the program change submitted by the Biology Department renaming</u>
their Biotechnology track to "Microbiology and Molecular Biosciences".
This Appeal Is Being Made By (please check one):
X The Department of School of Health Sciences
through its Department Head: <u>Tona Hetzler</u>
☐ The Special Academic Program of
through its Coordinator:
☐ The Undergraduate College Council of through its Chairperson:
X Faculty Members (no fewer than 30 members of the ranked faculty) (List on back of form)
Reason(s) for Appeal: The name of the program "Molecular Biosciences" will be confused with the Biomedical Sciences: Cell and Molecular Biology program. On a committee devoted to eliminating overlap and confusion between BMS and Biology programs, our concern over this name change was expressed and ignored. The Cell and Molecular Biology program is a long-standing program. We understand the rationale listed in the program change that this name i "appealing to students" however, this seems like a way to intentionally confuse students rather than make the strength of the programs more transparent.

The group originating the appeal can withdraw it from consideration at any time during the process upon written request (signed by all originators of the appeal) to the Council/Committee chairperson.\*

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