

**Department of Chemistry**  
**Faculty Meeting**  
**November 6, 2025, 3:30-5:00 p.m., CHB 102**

**AGENDA**

	Topic	Presenter
a	Announcements and Updates	Al Nelson
b	Discussion: Proposed Graduate Admissions Plan	Matt Golder

**MINUTES**

- Brandi is currently organizing a team to help in drafting an appropriations request to Congress for research equipment in the Department of Chemistry. Anyone who has input on this matter should let her know as soon as possible
- Matt Bush, Chemistry's representative on the Faculty Senate, will periodically provide Faculty Senate updates, which will be included in the weekly chair's message
- The Department of Chemistry was selected by the Murdock Scientific Research Instrumentation Program to receive funds toward the purchase of a Bruker 400 MHz NMR spectrometer. If any faculty have specific requests regarding its design, let Matt Golder know
- In consideration of the input by faculty, the draft Department of Chemistry bylaws will be additionally modified, and sent to all department faculty for a vote on ratification
- Possible changes were discussed for the Ph.D. program in 2026-27, including planning for a smaller cohort in Autumn Quarter. Ideas being considered to maximize recruitment yield include providing financial fellowships, early-start summer offers, and building relationships before / during the recruitment stage
- The faculty discussed a potential process change in Ph.D. admissions recruiting for 2025-26, to either: a) conduct interviews and make offers based on a pre-ranked, targeted list, or b) extend offers after interviewing students during visit weekend. Faculty will vote on their preference electronically after the meeting