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Dr. David Dobberpuhl, Chair
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Dear Dr. Dobberpuhl:

The Committee on Professional Training reviewed your department's periodic report. Based on the information available, the Committee concluded that the chemistry program meets all of the requirements in the ACS Guidelines and agreed to **continue approval**.

The Committee made the following suggestions for the continued development of the chemistry program.

Safety. According to Item 5.7 of the periodic report form, students have unrestricted access to all instruments, and some have their own keys to the laboratories. The Committee wishes to remind you that students should not work alone or without expert supervision in a chemical or instrumental laboratory of any kind.

Space. The Committee understands that the department has limited space in the teaching and research labs and the planned renovations have been delayed indefinitely. The Committee encourages you to discuss this situation with the administration and develop a long-range plan to ensure that instructional and research activities are not compromised by insufficient space.

Diversity. Item 3.3 of the periodic report form describes the department's efforts to recruit underrepresented minorities to faculty positions in the chemistry program. The Committee encourages the department and the university to explore new approaches to improve the diversity of the faculty when hiring opportunities become available in the future.

Your program's next periodic report will be due in **2020**. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the information in this letter or the expectations for ACS-approved programs.

Sincerely,



Cathy A. Nelson
Secretary
Committee on Professional Training

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