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Dr. James Postma, *Chair*
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Dear Dr. Postma:

The Committee reviewed the additional information that you sent to us in connection with your department's five-year reevaluation report and congratulated you on the hiring of a tenure-track inorganic chemist. The Committee is glad to see that teaching loads for 2002-03 are in compliance with the ACS guidelines but strongly encourages you to work toward lowering faculty teaching loads even further. The Committee also encourages you to continue your efforts to increase your students' exposure to the chemical literature and to increase the number of certified graduates.

Based on the one-page syllabus for Chemical Literature (CHEM 201), the Committee concluded that this is a marginal advanced course for certification purposes. In order to more fully assess the acceptability of CHEM 201 as advanced work, the Committee would need to review a small sample of the reports students prepare and possibly a summary of the topics or theme of the course for the last few years.

I am pleased to inform you that the Committee concluded that your program continues to meet the guidelines that have been established for ACS-approved schools. The Committee appreciates your cooperation and patience during this review. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Cathy A. Nelson
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