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Dear Professor Warburton,

Thank you for your updated application for ASBMB department/program accreditation. We appreciate the care that went into responding to all of our requests for additional information. We are pleased to inform you that the ASBMB has accredited your program for the **full seven-year term**, through October 14, 2024.

Aspects of your application that were considered particularly noteworthy included:

- Support of faculty professional development and encouragement of faculty and student regional and national presentation of research
- Regular internal program review combined with external program assessment every five years
- Emphasis on the development of written communication skills
- Student access to research opportunities and internships

Despite the overall strength of your application, some areas of relative weakness, ambiguity, or concern were identified:

- Low rate of publishing among a subset of the faculty
- Incomplete demographics information for students and faculty
- Low coverage of energy transformation concept within the curriculum

With each year's accreditation application process, we continue to identify ways in which the process can be improved in both substance and execution. In particular, we would appreciate receiving more information on the following topics as part of your next renewal application:

- Course frequency
- Faculty access to and use of professional development funds and resources

We encourage you to share this good news with your university community and stakeholders. If you are contemplating the release of an article, blog post or press release, please know that the ASBMB is very interested in helping to promote it. We therefore ask that you send a copy to Angela Hopp at ahopp@asbmb.org. If you send a tweet, tag @ASBMB in it, and we'll retweet you.



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Again, we thank you for your well-conceived application and congratulate you on your strong program. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Adele J. Wolfson for the ASBMB department/program accreditation sub-committee