




The University of Georgia

College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Department of Plant Pathology

Memorandum

To: Dean Buchanan
From: John L. Sherwood 
Date: January 13, 2004
Subject: Deactivation of Plant Health Science Major

Attached please find the requested deactivation of the Plant Health Science major in the Department of Plant Pathology.


cc: D. Knaft

Section I. Basic Information

Institution: The University of Georgia

Date: January 13, 2004

College: The College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

Department: Plant Pathology

Program Degree: B.S.A.

Major: Plant Health Science (formerly: Plant Protection and Pest Management)

Deactivation: X or Termination:

Last date students will be admitted to this program: January 31, 2004

Abstract of the deactivated or terminated program:

The Plant Health Science major is designed to provide education in the many principles essential for the diagnosis and management of diseases affecting the plants that provide our needs in food, forage and fiber, and bring beauty to our landscapes. Emphasis is on understanding the biology of the cause and nature of plant diseases, and the ecological principles of effective integrated disease management practices. The social and economic impacts of plant diseases in both the rural and urban environment are also examined. The Plant Health Science program provides an excellent opportunity for the exceptional student to complement their major in Crop and Soil Sciences, Horticulture, or Entomology with a second major to become better prepared for employment.

Section II. Conditions for Deactivating or Terminating Programs

1. Provide copies of the studies and decisions that warrant deactivation or termination of the program.

The Department of Plant Pathology underwent a University Program Review in November 2003. During the oral exit report given by the Committee, the recommendation was given to deactivate this major in conjunction with the request of the Provost and the Dean of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. A written report should be forthcoming from the University Review Committee in the Spring.

2. State the reasons for deactivating or terminating the program.

This program is being deactivated at the request of the Provost and the Dean of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences due to the perception that it is under enrolled.

3. State the plans for allowing those students already in a program to complete degree requirements.

All students enrolled in the program will be able to complete the program. Course offerings will not be impacted by deactivation of this program as the courses are also taken by students in other majors.

4. What will be done to minimize the impact of deactivation or termination of the program upon the personal and professional lives of the faculty involved?

There will be minimal impact on the personal and professional lives of the faculty involved, because as indicated above courses in this program of study are also taken by students outside the Plant Health Science course of study. No change in faculty appointment is anticipated as the undergraduate advisor for the Plant Health Science major is now advising students in the expanding Biological Sciences major to provide better support for the students in this course of study.


5. What will be done to insure that deactivation or termination of the program does not weaken other programs (graduate, undergraduate, or professional) for which the department may be responsible?

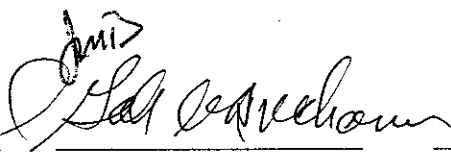
The potential impact of the deactivation of the Plant Health Science program on other programs in the department will be minimal. Few students from the Plant Health Science program enter into our graduate program to pursue the M.S. or Ph.D. Several students, however, have entered into the Master of Plant Protection and Pest Management (MPPPM) professional degree program at UGA. Many of the graduates from the MPPPM program provide service to the State through employment in the Cooperative Extension Service. While the Department of Plant Pathology participates in the MPPPM program, the MPPPM is managed outside the Department in a coordinated effort between the Departments of Plant Pathology, Entomology, and Crop & Soil Sciences. Another potential impact outside the Department is that the Plant Health Science major is the only undergraduate program of study in the University System that leads to a comprehensive knowledge of plant health and plant disease management. Many of the graduates of the Plant Health Science program are employed in the few positions in the private and public sector that address problems in plant health. Filling such positions in the future will likely require obtaining expertise developed outside of Georgia.

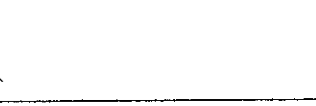
6. What plans, if any, is there for subsequent reactivation or reinstatement, respectively, of the deactivated or terminated program?

Faculty are currently exploring the option of offering an option in Plant Health Science in the Biological Sciences degree program offered in the Department of Poultry Science. However, the extent that this is possible has yet to be fully examined. If such an option is established and enrollment in that option reaches levels that are considered feasible for offering a major, then reactivation will be sought.

Signatures:


Department Head


Dean of School/College


Dean of Graduate School