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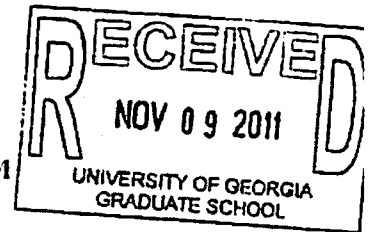
The attached proposal to terminate the major in Veterinary Pathology (M.S.) will be an agenda item for the March 28, 2012, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,


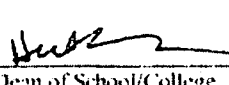
David E. Shipley, Chair
University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost Jere W. Morehead
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OUTLINE FOR DEACTIVATION OR TERMINATION
OF A GRADUATE OR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM



I. Basic Information

1. Institution	<u>University of Georgia</u>	Date	<u>11/03/2011</u>
2. School/College	<u>College of Veterinary Medicine</u>		
3. Department/Division	<u>Department of Pathology</u>		
4. Program			
Degree	<u>MS</u>		
Major	<u>Veterinary Pathology</u>		
5. Deactivation	_____	or Termination	<u>X</u>
6. Last date students will be admitted to this program	<u>Fall 2006</u>		
7. Last date students will graduate from this program	<u>Spring 2010</u>		
8. Abstract of the deactivated or terminated program			
	<i>Provide a brief summary of the deactivated or terminated program that includes an overview and highlights of the response to the criteria in Section II.</i>		
	<i>* Please see attachment.</i>		
9. Signatures			
			
	Department Head	Dean of School/College	Dean of Graduate School

II. Conditions for Deactivating or Terminating Programs

The deactivation (temporary suspension) or termination (discontinuation) of programs is expected to address satisfactorily the conditions listed below in order to be approved and implemented within the University of Georgia. Please provide sufficient information to confirm each condition.

1. Provide copies of the studies and decisions that warrant deactivation or termination of the program.
2. State the reasons for deactivating or terminating the program.
3. State the plans for allowing those students already in a program to complete degree requirements.
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?
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?
6. What plans, if any, is there for subsequent reactivation or reinstatement, respectively, of the deactivated or terminated program?

Abstract

Request for termination of MS program in Pathology

We are seeking the approval of termination of the MS program in pathology as it was absorbed into the interdisciplinary MS program in Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences with tracks in several disciplines, including pathology in Spring 2007. We accepted last students in Fall 2006, and the last student graduated in Spring 2010. Currently, we have five MS students in our department coming through the MS program in Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences. The requirements for the pathology track remain the same as they were for the pathology MS. There is no impact on faculty, and administrative help is provided by the Deans' office in the College of Veterinary Medicine. We are not planning to reinstate the terminated program as long as the MS program in Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences is in place.

1. Official description of the new MS program (on the College of Veterinary Medicine website)

Graduate Degrees: MS-VBS

Interdisciplinary Master of Science (MS) Degree Program

The master of science degree program in Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences is designed to emphasize interdisciplinary approaches in biomedical research.

Graduates of this program will understand the basic scientific principles related to veterinary and biomedical sciences that can include: physiology, toxicology, pharmacology, pathology, immunology, virology, bacteriology, parasitology, epidemiology, anatomy, and behavior.

The M.S. program is generally completed in two to three years.

This is an interdepartmental MS program administered through the Office of the Dean by the Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Affairs. The program is available to all qualified students holding professional degrees as well as to students who have acquired a baccalaureate degree.

Programs of Study

Programs of study are available in research located in the following academic departments:

- Anatomy and Radiology
- Infectious Diseases
- Large Animal Medicine
- Pathology
- Physiology and Pharmacology
- Population Health
- Small Animal Medicine and Surgery

Frequently asked questions:

1. How do I apply to the program?
2. What should I include in my personal statement?
3. What kind of recommendations should I get?
4. Is there a deadline for applying?
5. Are there minimum requirements for the GRE or TOEFL scores?
6. How is financial aid awarded?
7. What if I do not receive financial aid?
8. How do I find a major professor?
9. What if I just want to enroll in graduate level courses without obtaining a degree?
10. What is the difference between the Masters of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences and Masters of Science programs in the individual departments?
11. What is the difference between the Masters of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences and Masters of Avian Medicine or Masters of Food Animal Medicine?
12. What is holding up my application? Why have I not heard back yet?

Answers:

The Masters of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences is a research-based training program that is available to students with a BS or BA degree; a DVM is not required.

1. Reasons to terminate the program

The MS program in Veterinary Pathology was replaced by the Interdisciplinary Master of Science offered by the College of Veterinary Medicine (see above).

2. Plans for existing students in the program

There are no students pursuing MS in Veterinary Pathology in our department. The last student completed her degree in Spring 2010.

3. Impact on faculty

There is no impact on faculty. We have several MS students who are enrolled in the interdisciplinary MS program. If anything there is less administrative load on the graduate coordinator and the administrative staff as administration is provided by the Dean's office.

4. 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?

Because of our participation in the interdisciplinary MS program, other graduate programs in the department are not impacted.

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

none