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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the College of Veterinary Medicine for the following major name change will be an agenda item for the October 21, 2016, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting:

From: Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences (Ph.D.)
To: Comparative Biomedical Sciences (Ph.D.)

Sincerely,

William K. Vencill, Chair
University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost Pamela S. Whitten
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav



The University of Georgia

Graduate School

October 13, 2016

Dr. Pamela Whitten
Senior Vice President for Academic
Affairs and Provost
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Dear Dr. Whitten:

At the Graduate Council Meeting on October 12, 2016, the Council voted to approve the following proposals:

Change the name of the Doctor of Philosophy in Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences degree program to Comparative Biomedical Sciences

The proposal is attached. I am pleased to forward this request to you with my endorsement. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Barbour
Dean

cc: Dean Shelia Allen
Associate Dean Harry Dickerson
Dr. Kaori Sakamoto



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Re: Proposed Name Change for PhD in Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences

To whom it may concern:

The Graduate Affairs Committee of the College of Veterinary Medicine has voted in favor of my forwarding this proposal to change the name of the PhD in Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences to the PhD in Comparative Biomedical Sciences.

We propose to change the name of this program to Comparative Biomedical Sciences to better reflect and highlight the current broader mission of the program, which emphasizes interdisciplinary training in biomedicine. The objective is to attract and train a cadre of highly-qualified graduate students in the biomedical sciences, where there is a consistent demand for PhD degree training. Administration of the program will be provided by the Office of Graduate Affairs in the College of Veterinary Medicine. The funds, required courses and space required to start the program are in place.

Sincerely,

Harry W. Dickerson, B.V.Sc., Ph.D.
Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Affairs

HWD/vte

Enclosures

cc: Dean Sheila Allen

PhD degree program in Comparative Biomedical Sciences

Justification of Proposed Name Change

The PhD degree program in Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences was implemented in August 2010 with the core mission to train the next generation of veterinary and biomedical scientists. We propose to change the name of this program to Comparative Biomedical Sciences to better reflect and highlight the current broader mission of the program, which emphasizes interdisciplinary training in biomedicine. The objective is to attract and train a cadre of highly-qualified graduate students in the biomedical sciences, where there is a consistent demand for PhD degree training. As the program matures in stature, we expect enrollments in the program to increase. The table below highlights applications and acceptance into the PhD from 2012 through 2016.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Applications	7	8	5	17	11
Accepted	1	3	2	9	6

The PhD program in the College of Veterinary Medicine serves two purposes: 1) to train skilled laboratory and field researchers who eventually find jobs in various biomedical and veterinary industries, and 2) to provide research training to DVM graduates who wish to enter academia, industry, government, or other fields in which research experience and a PhD are beneficial. The PhD degree program in the proposed Comparative Biomedical Sciences will continue to fulfill a societal need to provide the training in translational areas of emphasis in the biomedical sciences. The PhD in Comparative Biomedical Sciences program complements other degree programs within the college, such as MS, DVM, DVM/MPH, and DVM/PhD.

The specific justifications for changing the name of the PhD degree program in Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences to Comparative Biomedical Sciences are as follows:

- The new name more clearly conveys the broader emphases of the program.
- The change eliminates confusion in name recognition between the current Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences PhD program and the name of the Department of Veterinary and Biomedical Imaging in the College of Veterinary Medicine.
- The name eliminates confusion in applicants who do not have a background in veterinary medicine.

NAME CHANGE JUSTIFICATION FORM

School/College Name: College of Veterinary Medicine

Department Name: College of Veterinary Medicine

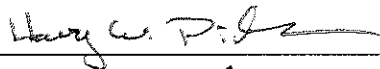
Major Name Changes:

Current Major Name:	Degree	Proposed Major Name:	Degree
<u>Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences</u>	<u>PhD</u>	<u>Comparative Biomedical Sciences</u>	<u>PhD</u>

JUSTIFICATION:

See attached Justification Page

SIGNATURES:

School/College: 

Department: 