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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the College of Public Health to deactivate the Undergraduate Certificate in Disaster Management will be an agenda item for the January 20, 2023, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Susan Sanchez, Chair

University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu
Dr. Marisa Pagnattaro

PROPOSAL FOR DEACTIVATION OR TERMINATION OF AN ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Date: October 14, 2022

School/College: College of Public Health

Department/Division: Institute of Disaster Management

Program (Major and Degree): Undergraduate Certificate in Disaster Management

Which campus(es) offer this program? Athens

Deactivation or Termination? Deactivation

Proposed Effective Date: Fall 2023

Last date students will be admitted to this program: No students are enrolled in the certificate.

Last date students will graduate from this program: No students are enrolled in the certificate.

Program Abstract:

The Undergraduate Certificate in Disaster Management provides a strong foundation in introducing concepts in disaster management and the study of disasters from a social and scientific perspective. It includes courses on the societal impacts and causes of natural and man-made hazards, as well as equips students to engage in both applied and scholarly work in emergency management.

1. State the reasons for deactivating the program, and provide copies of any relevant documents.

The Undergraduate Certificate in Disaster Management and the minor in Disaster Management have very similar requirements. With only two faculty members teaching in the undergraduate program, both further development of the certificate and expansion of course offerings are limited.

2. What will be done to minimize the impact of the deactivation of the program upon the personal and professional lives of the faculty and staff involved? Include specific information on: a) how faculty and staff will be notified of the deactivation, and b) how faculty and staff will be reallocated.

There are currently only two faculty members teaching in the undergraduate program. All faculty members in the Institute of Disaster Management are aware of these proposed changes. Deactivating the certificate program will not alter teaching loads nor the schedule of classes offered.

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

Deactivation of the certificate program will strengthen the other programs offered by the institute. For example, advisement will be streamlined. It is easy to track and advise students as they progress through the minor using DegreeWorks, but there is no equivalent for certificate programs.

4. State the plans for allowing students currently enrolled in the program to complete degree requirements, including specific information on: a) how students will be notified of the program deactivation, and b) how students will be advised on completing the program.

No students are currently enrolled in the certificate. If a student does enroll, they will be notified about the program's deactivation by email and they will be encouraged to add the minor instead.

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

If more faculty are hired in the future, the institute can consider reactivating and revamping the certificate.

Documentation of Approval and Notification

Proposal: Deactivation of the Undergraduate Certificate in Disaster Management

College: College of Public Health

Department: Institute of Disaster Management

Proposed Effective Term: Fall 2023

Approvals:

- Health Policy and Management Department Head, Dr. Mahmud Khan, 10/14/22
- College of Public Health Dean, Dr. Marsha Davis, 10/14/22