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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the College of Veterinary Medicine to deactivate the Minor in Biomedical Physiology will be an agenda item for the January 16, 2026, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Susan Sanchez, Chair

cc: Provost Benjamin Ayers

Dr. Marisa Anne Pagnattaro

PROPOSAL FOR DEACTIVATION OR TERMINATION OF AN ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Date: November 18, 2025

School/College: College of Veterinary Medicine

Department/Division: Physiology and Pharmacology

Program (Major and Degree): Minor in Biomedical Physiology

Which campus(es) offer this program? Athens

Deactivation or Termination? Deactivation

Proposed Effective Date: Spring 2026

Last date students will be admitted to this program: Fall 2025

Last date students will graduate from this program: Spring 2029

Program Abstract:

The Minor in Biomedical Physiology enables students to further their knowledge and understanding of how living organisms function. This minor offers a broad catalog of coursework, allowing students to customize their experience to pursue careers and specific interests in a variety of biomedical science-related fields, including human healthcare, veterinary medicine, and the life-science industries. Sixteen credits of coursework are required.

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

The Minor in Biomedical Physiology became available in Fall 2021 and the major in Biomedical Physiology (B.S.) followed in Fall 2022. The major has undergone rapid growth in the past 3-plus years, going from zero to 1,123 students as of November 2025, while the number of minors has remained in the range of 150-180 students enrolled within the past year. The program's rapid growth is challenging the department's ability to ensure that students can progress through the major in a timely manner without having delays imposed by insufficient space in required and elective courses. The faculty are opting to prioritize meeting the needs of students enrolled in the major. Deactivating the minor and allowing the currently enrolled minors the opportunity to complete the program without replenishing the pool of minors is one step the faculty are taking to address these challenges.

2. What will be done to minimize the impact of the deactivation or termination 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 or termination, and b) how faculty and staff will be reallocated.

Deactivation of the Minor in Biomedical Physiology will have no negative impact on the faculty and staff involved with the program. The major will continue with the same courses currently being offered. Faculty and staff will be able to focus on providing courses and programmatic support for the majors. The instructional faculty in the program unanimously support deactivation of the minor and focusing efforts on Biomedical Physiology (B.S.) students. There will be no reallocation, just more space in current courses for majors.

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

There will be no change in the courses offered since there are no courses unique to the minor. Being able

to focus on providing courses for Biomedical Physiology (B.S.) students will strengthen the quality of the program overall, rather than weaken it.

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.

a) Students will be notified by email of deactivation of the program. The academic advisor who currently serves as the advisor for students in the minor will remain available as a resource to assist students with program completion.

b) The coursework for the minor involves the same courses taken by students in the major. Thus, the courses necessary to complete the minor will remain in place and accessible for enrollment.

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

There are no plans for reactivation of the Minor in Biomedical Physiology. However, if growth of the major levels off and there is spare capacity moving forward to meet the course needs of students interested in pursuing a minor, the faculty will consider submitting a proposal to reactivate the minor.

Documentation of Approval and Notification

Proposal: Deactivate the Minor in Biomedical Physiology

College: College of Veterinary Medicine

Department: Physiology and Pharmacology

Proposed Effective Term: Spring 2026

School/College:

- Biomedical Physiology Program Director, Dr. Paul Eubig, 11/19/2025
- Head of the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology and Interim Associate Dean for Undergraduate Affairs, Dr. Gaylen Edwards, 1/7/2026