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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the College of Veterinary Medicine to terminate the major in Veterinary Pathology (Ph.D.) will be an agenda item for the October 19, 2018, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

John Maerz, Chair

University Curriculum Committee

cc: Interim Provost Libby Morris

Dr. Rahul Shrivastav

OUTLINE FOR DEACTIATION OR TERMINATION OF A GRADUATE OR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

I. Basic Information

1. **Institution:** University of Georgia Date: February 16, 2018
2. **School/College:** College of Veterinary Medicine
3. **Department/Division:** Veterinary Pathology
4. **Program:** Veterinary Pathology (Ph.D.)
5. **Deactivation or Termination:** Termination
6. **Last date students will be admitted to this program:** July 1, 2018
7. **Last date students will graduate from this program:** May 2023
8. **Abstract of the deactivated or terminated program:**

The Doctor of Philosophy in Pathology was developed to train the next generation of veterinary and biomedical scientists and pathologists. The program emphasizes training in pathology and biomedical science to prepare students to make contributions to modern veterinary science and medicine. Graduates of this program will understand the basic scientific principles related to veterinary pathology and biomedical research. The objective is to attract and train a cadre of highly-qualified graduate students in the veterinary and biomedical sciences.

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 or the program.

A vote of the departmental Graduate Affairs Committee unanimously approved the termination of this program.

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

Although the Pathology (Ph.D.) program has had a strong history of recruiting, training, and graduating excellent scientist and pathologists, due to a number of factors, our program is not growing. Most of the graduate students in our program are combined

pathology resident/Ph.D. students, and due to the rigors of this training program, the funding mechanisms to support them, and the faculty effort required for this, we do not accept more than two of these students per year. We do not have the faculty or financial resources to grow this program. We therefore request to terminate the program and join the Comparative Biomedical Sciences (Ph.D.) program so that we will not have to annually defend our numbers. An Area of Emphasis in Pathology under the major in Comparative Biomedical Sciences (Ph.D.) was approved by the University Curriculum Committee in March 2018.

3. State the plans for allowing those students already in a program to complete degree requirements, including specific information on a.) how students will be notified of the program termination and b.) how students will be counseled on completing the program.

Students currently in this program will still receive their degrees in Veterinary Pathology (Ph.D.). This program will be deactivated at the Board of Regents to allow currently enrolled students to complete their degrees, after which time a formal request to terminate the program will be submitted to the Board of Regents. Going forward, students enrolled in this program will receive a degree in Comparative Biomedical Sciences (Ph.D.) with an Area of Emphasis in Pathology.

4. What will be done to minimize the impact or termination of the program upon the personal and professional lives of the faculty and staff involved, specifically a.) how will faculty and staff be notified of the termination and b.) how will faculty and staff be redeployed?

Faculty will be made aware of the change to the program by email. This change will not affect their personal or professional lives at all.

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?

This change will not weaken any other programs; it will strengthen the Comparative Biomedical Sciences (Ph.D.) program by increasing its enrollment.

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

This program could potentially be reactivated if, in the future, we attract more research-focused faculty who can bring in more extramurally-funded graduate assistantships. This would allow us to increase our enrollment of students who are only pursuing the Ph.D. and not the combined pathology residency/Ph.D.

Approvals on File

Proposal: Termination of the major in Pathology (Ph.D.)

College: College of Veterinary Medicine

Proposed Effective Term: Spring 2019

School/College:

- Veterinary Pathology Department Head, Dr. Elizabeth Howerth (Spring 2018 Department Head), 2/16/2018
- College of Veterinary Medicine Dean, Dr. Lisa Nolan, 2/16/2018

Graduate School:

- Graduate School Dean, Dr. Suzanne Barbour, 9/20/2018