

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE
FOR INFORMATION ONLY

PRESENTED BY: Kevin Flynn; Chair, Academic Programs Committee

DATE OF MEETING: November 19, 2015

SUBJECT: Items for Information:

Program revision:

**Revision of the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Program
in the Western College of Veterinary Medicine**

Program Terminations:

**Project Option for the Master of Public Administration
degree**

**Veterinary Microbiology Field of Study in the Master of
Veterinary Science project program**

COUNCIL ACTION: For information only

SUMMARY:

**1. Revision of the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M.) Program in the
Western College of Veterinary Medicine--approved by the Academic
Programs Committee at its meeting on November 4, 2015.**

The Western College of Veterinary Medicine proposed to remove VTMC 340.3 and VLAC 470.4 from the program requirements for the D.V.M. degree, while adding VLAC 471.3 and VLAC 472.2 to the requirements, resulting in a reduction of overall program requirements from 167 credit units to 165 credit units. This change is effective September 2016.

**2. Termination of the Project Option for the Master of Public
Administration degree--approved by the Academic Programs Committee
at its meeting on October 14, 2015**

The Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy (JSGS) proposed the deletion of the project option for the Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree to align their offerings with those of the University of Regina, which no

longer has a project option for their MPA program. JSGS continues to offer a course-based and a thesis-based option for students pursuing an MPS degree. This termination is effective May 2016.

3. Termination of the Veterinary Microbiology Field of Study in the Master of Veterinary Science project program--approved by the Academic Programs Committee at its meeting on October 14, 2015

The WCVM proposed the deletion of the Veterinary Microbiology field of study for the project option in the Master of Veterinary Science program because there have not been any students enrolled in the program in the last 10 years. There remain a number of options for students pursuing a Master of Veterinary Science degree, such as Large Animal Clinical Sciences, Small Animal Clinical Sciences, and Veterinary Pathology. This termination is effective May 2016.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Memo regarding Revisions to the D.V.M. program
2. Report Form for Program Termination - MPA Project Option
3. Report Form for Program Termination - Veterinary Microbiology



Western College of Veterinary Medicine

TO: Amanda Storey

FROM: Dr. Chris Clark Associate Dean (Academic)
Western College of Veterinary Medicine

DATE: October 2, 2015

RE: **WCVM Program Changes**

The WCVM faculty has recommended that Veterinary Theriogenology (VLAC 470.4) be split into two separate courses: VLAC 471.3 (Food Animal Reproductive Management) and VLAC 472.2 (Companion Animal Theriogenology).

Simplicity and efficiency are the key rationale for introducing this course: The VLAC 470 course has been a 4 credit course taught over 3 quarters. Students find the course to be onerous largely because of the volume of material that is taught, the large number of labs, and the duration of the course. The final exam is cumulative and months elapse between the beginning of the course and the final exam. Additionally, fertility in cattle is managed at a herd level whereas companion animals are handled individually. While in all species we are dealing with reproduction, the dealing with herd versus individuals requires a completely different focus.

The WCVM faculty has recommended that due to redundancy, the 2nd year Public Health class (VTMC 340) be combined into 3 courses: Survey of Veterinary Medicine (VINT 210), Disease Ecology and Epidemiology (VT MC 238) and Evidence-based Medicine (VLAC 320).



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Report Form for Program Termination

Program(s) to be deleted:

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Effective date of termination:

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1. List reasons for termination and describe the background leading to this decision.

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2. Technical information.

2.1 Courses offered in the program and faculty resources required for these courses.

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2.2 Other resources (staff, technology, physical resources, etc) used for this program.

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2.3 Courses to be deleted, if any.

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2.4 Number of students presently enrolled.

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2.5 Number of students enrolled and graduated over the last five years.

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3. Impact of the termination.

Internal

- 3.1 What if any impact will this termination have on undergraduate and graduate students?
How will they be advised to complete their programs?

- 3.2 What impact will this termination have on faculty and teaching assignments?

- 3.3 Will this termination affect other programs, departments or colleges?

- 3.4 If courses are also to be deleted, will these deletions affect any other programs?

- 3.5 Is it likely, or appropriate, that another department or college will develop a program to replace this one?

- 3.6 Is it likely, or appropriate, that another department or college will develop courses to replace the ones deleted?

- 3.7 Describe any impact on research projects.

- 3.8 Will this deletion affect resource areas such as library resources, physical facilities, and information technology?

- 3.9 Describe the budgetary implications of this deletion.

Attachments

External 3.10 Describe any external impact (e.g. university reputation, accreditation, other institutions, high schools, community organizations, professional bodies).

3.11 Is it likely or appropriate that another educational institution will offer this program if it is deleted at the University of Saskatchewan?

Other

3.12 Are there any other relevant impacts or considerations?

3.13 Please provide any statements or opinions received about this termination.

Attachments

(Optional)

4. Additional information. *Programs which have not undergone recent formal reviews should provide additional relevant information about quality, demand, efficiency, unique features, and relevance to the province.*

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Basic information about the proposed course:

1. Department/Unit: JSGS

College of: CGSR

2.

(Authorizing Unit Head - PLEASE PRINT)

(Authorizing Unit Head - SIGNATURE)

3. Label, number, and title of course: JSGS 992

4. Rationale for deleting this course:

Deletion of MPA Project-Based Option

5. Impact of deleting this course:

5.1 Are the programs/courses of other academic units affected by the deletion of this course?

☒ No ☐ Yes (**Please list**):

5.2 Were any other academic units asked to review or comment on the proposal?

☒ No ☐ Yes (**Please attach correspondence**)

Date of Implementation: Immediately

Date of Approval by College (of the home academic unit): January 12, 2015

(Authorizing College Signature (of the home academic unit))

(Name of Person Signing - PLEASE PRINT)



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Report Form for Program Termination

Program(s) to be deleted: **Veterinary Microbiology Masters of Veterinary Science (MVetSc) program**

Effective date of termination: **September 1, 2015**

1. List reasons for termination and describe the background leading to this decision.

There have been no students in this program over the last 10 years and there has been no demand for it. The focus of the department's graduate program is thesis-based M.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees.

2. Technical information.

- 2.1 Courses offered in the program and faculty resources required for these courses.
VTMC 992 – Research. No faculty resources required.
- 2.2 Other resources (staff, technology, physical resources, etc) used for this program.
None.
- 2.3 Courses to be deleted, if any.
VTMC 992 - Research
- 2.4 Number of students presently enrolled. **0**
- 2.5 Number of students enrolled and graduated over the last five years. **0**

3. Impact of the termination.

Internal

- 3.1 What if any impact will this termination have on undergraduate and graduate students? How will they be advised to complete their programs? **There are currently no students enrolled in the MVetSc program.**
- 3.2 What impact will this termination have on faculty and teaching assignments? **None.**
- 3.3 Will this termination affect other programs, departments or colleges? **No.**
- 3.4 If courses are also to be deleted, will these deletions affect any other programs? **No.**
- 3.5 Is it likely, or appropriate, that another department or college will develop a program to replace this one? **No.**

- 3.6 Is it likely, or appropriate, that another department or college will develop courses to replace the ones deleted? **No.**
- 3.7 Describe any impact on research projects. **None.**
- 3.8 Will this deletion affect resource areas such as library resources, physical facilities, and information technology? **No.**
- 3.9 Describe the budgetary implications of this deletion. **None.**

External

- 3.10 Describe any external impact (e.g. university reputation, accreditation, other institutions, high schools, community organizations, professional bodies). **None.**
- 3.11 Is it likely or appropriate that another educational institution will offer this program if it is deleted at the University of Saskatchewan? **No.**

Other

- 3.12 Are there any other relevant impacts or considerations? **No.**
- 3.13 Please provide any statements or opinions received about this termination.

On June 6, 2012 the department's graduate affairs committee discussed this program and agreed that it should be terminated based on several factors, including

- There has been no demand for the program in over 10 years and demand was very limited before that;
- This type of program is best suited for clinical residencies and our department does not have a residency program;
- That in today's climate, diagnosticians generally require a Ph.D. degree.

(Optional)

4. Additional information. *Programs which have not undergone recent formal reviews should provide additional relevant information about quality, demand, efficiency, unique features, and relevance to the province.*



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Basic information about the proposed course:

1. Department/Unit: Veterinary Microbiology

College of: Western College of Veterinary Medicine

2.

JANET HILL

(Authorizing Unit Head - PLEASE PRINT)

(Authorizing Unit Head - SIGNATURE)

3. Label, number, and title of course: VTMC 992 - Research (MVetSc)

4. Rationale for deleting this course:

The Veterinary Microbiology MVetSc program is being eliminated

5. Impact of deleting this course:

5.1 Are the programs/courses of other academic units affected by the deletion of this course?

☒ No ☐ Yes (**Please list**):

5.2 Were any other academic units asked to review or comment on the proposal?

☒ No ☐ Yes (**Please attach correspondence**)

Date of Implementation: September 1, 2015

Date of Approval by College (of the home academic unit): August 14, 2015

(Authorizing College Signature (of the home academic unit))

DOUGLAS FREEMAN

(Name of Person Signing - PLEASE PRINT)