

**UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE
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PRESENTED BY: Kevin Flynn, Chair, Academic Programs Committee

DATE OF MEETING: May 18, 2017

SUBJECT: **Deletion of the Vaccinology and Immunotherapeutics field of study for the Master of Arts (M.A.) program**

COUNCIL ACTION: For information only

CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND:

The Academic Programs Committee (APC) approved the deletion of the Vaccinology and Immunotherapeutics field of study for the Master of Arts (M.A.) program at its April 12, 2017 meeting.

As per the Academic and Curricular Change Authority Chart approved by Council at its June 23, 2016 meeting, APC has the authority to approve the deletions of a field of study unless it has significant academic or financial implications.

DISCUSSION SUMMARY:

The College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies proposed the deletion of the Vaccinology and Immunotherapeutics field of study on the recommendation from the School of Public Health. There has been no enrolment in this field of study since its inception in 2006. This field of study was proposed when the School of Public Health was created with the intent of it being an interdisciplinary option for students. Students have not opted to pursue this option, taking the Master of Science (M.Sc.) program instead

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Proposal for the Deletion of the Vaccinology and Immunotherapeutics field of Study for the Master of Arts (M.A.) program**

Memorandum

To: Kevin Flynn, Chair, Academic Programs Committee of University Council

CC: George Mutwiri, Interim Executive Director, School of Public Health
Suresh Tikoo, Director of thesis-based programs, School of Public Health

From: Office of the Associate Dean, College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS)

Date: April 5, 2017

Re: Deleting Vaccinology & Immunotherapeutics field of study for Master of Arts degree

In March 2017, the Graduate Programs Committee and the Executive Committee of the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies considered the request to delete the Vaccinology & Immunotherapeutics major for the Master of Arts degree program.

The School of Public Health made the recommendation as there has been no enrolment since inception. The School of Public Health will continue to deliver Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy programs in Vaccinology & Immunotherapeutics.

Consistent with the Academic and Curricular Changes Authority Chart, the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies is seeking to have APC approve the termination of the Vaccinology & Immunotherapeutics field of study for the Master of Arts degree.

Attached please find:

- A copy of the memo from the Executive Committee of CGPS recommending the deletion
- A copy of the memo from the Graduate Programs Committee of CGPS recommending the deletion
- The completed Report form for Program Termination
- The Consultation with the Registrar Form

If you have any questions, please contact Kelly.clement@usask.ca (306-966-2229).

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Memorandum

To: Academic Programs Committee (APC)

CC: Dr. Martha Smith-Norris, Chair, Graduate Programs Committee, CGPS

From: Dr. Adam Baxter-Jones, Chair, Executive Committee, CGPS

Date: March 22, 2017

Re: Termination of the MA Degree field of specialization in Vaccinology and Immunotherapeutics

On March 22, 2017 the Executive Committee of CGPS reviewed the M.A. (Vaccinology & Immunotherapeutics) program termination report provided by the Graduate Programs Committee.

Background:

In 11 years since the inception of the program, registration has been zero. The original intent was as an interdisciplinary program; however students opt to take the M.Sc. instead. There is no rationale to keep this program on the books.

By unanimous vote, The Executive Committee recommends the termination of the Master of Arts degree option in the field of Vaccinology and Immunotherapeutics (Scoles/Muhajarine).

The attached appendix provides additional background for consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Dean Adam Baxter-Jones at adam.baxter-jones@usask.ca, or, 966-5759.

Respectfully Submitted to APC 170403

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Memorandum

To: Dr. Adam Baxter-Jones, Chair, CGPS Executive Committee

From: Graduate Programs Committee, CGPS

Date: March 10, 2017

Re: Proposal to terminate the Master of Arts Degree field of specialization in Vaccinology and Immunotherapeutics

On March 1, 2017, the Graduate Programs Committee (GPC) considered a request to terminate the Master of Arts degree field of specialization in Vaccinology and Immunotherapeutics.

Graduate programming in the field of Vaccinology and Immunotherapeutics was proposed in 2006 to offer Master of Arts, Master of Science, and Doctor of Philosophy degree options. As an interdisciplinary field, proposing both the Master of Arts and Master of Science options was consistent with the degree options available in the field of Interdisciplinary Studies.

The Master of Arts degree option in Vaccinology and Immunotherapeutics has not been utilized, and the School of Public Health is seeking to terminate the option. Students seeking a master's degree in the field can be accommodated through the Master of Science degree option.

The Graduate Programs Committee passed the following motion:

To recommend approval of the termination of the Master of Arts degree field of specialization in Vaccinology and Immunotherapeutics. Eglington/Kulshreshtha CARRIED Unanimous

The GPC is now asking the Executive Committee to support the program termination and provide a recommendation to the Academic Programs Committee of University Council.

If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Clement at Kelly.clement@usask.ca or 306-966-2229.

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Report Form for Program Termination

Program(s) to be deleted: Master of Arts (M.A.) under Vaccinology & Immunotherapeutics

Effective date of termination: At the earliest

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

- a) Since the start of the graduate program, not a single student has been registered in MA stream of V&I program.
- b) Moreover, we do not even have the expertise and necessary funding (Student stipend\scholarships) available

2. Technical information.

- 2.1 Courses offered in the program and faculty resources required for these courses.
Nil
- 2.2 Other resources (staff, technology, physical resources, etc) used for this program.
Nil
- 2.3 Courses to be deleted, if any.
Nil
- 2.4 Number of students presently enrolled.
Zero
- 2.5 Number of students enrolled and graduated over the last five years.
Zero

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?
Nil
- 3.2 What impact will this termination have on faculty and teaching assignments?
Nil
- 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?
Not applicable
- 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?
Nil

3.7 Describe any impact on research projects.

Nil

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

Nil

3.9 Describe the budgetary implications of this deletion.

Nil

External

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

Nil

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

Do not know

Other

3.12 Are there any other relevant impacts or considerations?

Not to my knowledge

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

(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.*

Because of low demand, we cannot offer only the MA degree in V&I program. We are still offering MSc and PhD in V&I program.

