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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences to terminate the Undergraduate Certificate in Organic Agriculture will be an agenda item for the April 23, 2021, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

John Maerz, Chair

University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav

PROPOSAL FOR DEACTIVATION OR TERMINATION OF AN ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Date: February 23, 2021

School/College: College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

Department/Division: Horticulture

Program: Undergraduate Certificate in Organic Agriculture

Which campus(es) offer this program? Athens

Deactivation or Termination? Termination

Proposed Effective Date: Fall 2021

Last date students will be admitted to this program: Summer 2021

Last date students will graduate from this program: Spring 2024

Program Abstract:

The Undergraduate Certificate in Organic Agriculture was conceived as an interdisciplinary certificate, targeting both agricultural and non-agricultural majors. The Certificate was intended to serve as an overview of organics, with a practical hands-on component.

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

The intent of this Certificate was to attract students interested in organics and encourage the creation of additional courses on organic agriculture. After an initial surge in enrollment, students have gravitated towards certificates with a broader theme, such as sustainability, that allow students to take the core of organic classes. In addition, only a few courses specifically on organics were created. As a result, the current enrollment is less than 10 students total, with only a few graduating with the Certificate each year.

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.

All faculty serving on the advisory board for the Certificate voted in favor of termination, and those members represent the faculty who teach the core courses of the Certificate. Other than the Certificate seminar (HORT 4096, Organic Agriculture Seminar), all other courses in the Certificate will continue to be offered, as they are part of other programs. The Certificate advisor has shifted to the role of undergraduate coordinator.

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?

Other than HORT 4096, Organic Agriculture Seminar, all other courses will continue to be offered. Therefore, termination of this Certificate will not impact other 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.

Students currently enrolled in the Certificate will be offered the opportunity to replace HORT 4096, Organic Agriculture Seminar, with a one credit hour independent study course or another related course. The certificate advisor will continue to work with students in the Certificate until they have all completed the program.

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

There are currently no plans to reactivate this Certificate.

Documentation of Approval and Notification

Proposal: Termination of the Undergraduate Certificate in Organic Agriculture

College: College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

Department: Horticulture

Proposed Effective Term: Fall 2021

Department:

- Horticulture Department Head, Dr. Leo Lombardini, 2/23/21

School/College:

- College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Associate Dean, Dr. Josef Broder, 2/23/21

Proposal Notification:

- Franklin College of Arts and Sciences Dean, Dr. Alan Dorsey, 4/8/21
- Franklin College of Arts and Sciences Associate Dean, Dr. Jean Martin-Williams, 4/8/21
- Terry College of Business Dean, Dr. Benjamin Ayers, 4/8/21
- Terry College of Business Associate Dean, Dr. Henry Munneke, 4/8/21
- Terry College of Business Associate Dean, Dr. Mike Pfarrer, 4/8/21
- Odum School of Ecology Dean, Dr. John Gittleman, 4/8/21
- Odum School of Ecology Associate Dean, Dr. John Drake, 4/8/21
- Mary Frances Early College of Education Dean, Dr. Denise Spangler, 4/8/21
- Mary Frances Early College of Education Associate Dean, Dr. Stacey Neuharth-Pritchett, 4/8/21
 - *No concerns with proposal*
- College of Engineering Dean, Dr. Donald Leo, 4/8/21
- College of Engineering Associate Dean, Dr. Ramaraja Ramasamy, 4/8/21
- College of Environment and Design Dean, Dr. Sonia Hirt, 4/8/21
- College of Environment and Design Associate Dean, Ms. Ashley Steffens, 4/8/21
- College of Family and Consumer Sciences Dean, Dr. Linda Kirk Fox, 4/8/21
- College of Family and Consumer Sciences Associate Dean, Dr. Sheri Worthy, 4/8/21
- Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources Dean, Dr. Dale Greene, 4/8/21
- Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources Associate Dean, Dr. Robert Bringolf, 4/8/21
- Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication Dean, Dr. Charles Davis, 4/8/21
- Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication Associate Dean, Dr. Maria Len-Rios, 4/8/21
- School of Law Dean, Mr. Peter "Bo" Rutledge, 4/8/21
- School of Law Associate Dean, Mr. Randy Beck, 4/8/21
- College of Pharmacy Dean, Dr. Kelly Smith, 4/8/21
- College of Pharmacy Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, Dr. Duc Do, 4/8/21
- College of Public Health Dean, Dr. Marsha Davis, 4/8/21

- College of Public Health Associate Dean, Dr. Erin Lipp, 4/8/21
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- School of Public and International Affairs Associate Dean, Dr. John Maltese, 4/8/21
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- School of Social Work Associate Dean, Dr. Shari Miller, 4/8/21
- College of Veterinary Medicine Dean, Dr. Lisa Nolan, 4/8/21
- College of Veterinary Medicine Associate Dean, Dr. Andrew Parks, 4/8/21