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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the College of Veterinary Medicine to terminate the Area of Emphasis in Biological and Life Sciences Laboratory Management under the major in Comparative Biomedical Sciences (M.S., Non-Thesis) will be an agenda item for the January 17, 2025, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Susan Sanchez, Chair

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu

Dr. Marisa Pagnattaro

## PROPOSAL FOR TERMINATION OF AN AREA OF EMPHASIS

**Date:** October 18, 2024

**School/College:** College of Veterinary Medicine

**Department/Division:** College of Veterinary Medicine

**Area of emphasis to be terminated:** Biological and Life Sciences Laboratory Management

**Major(s) and degree(s) the area of emphasis is offered under?** Comparative Biomedical Sciences (M.S., Non-Thesis)

**Which campus(es) offer this area of emphasis?** Athens

**Proposed effective date:** Summer 2025

**Last date students will be admitted to this area of emphasis:** No students are enrolled in this area of emphasis.

**Last date students will complete this area of emphasis:** No students are enrolled in this area of emphasis.

### **Program Abstract:**

**Provide a brief summary of the area of emphasis being proposed for termination.**

The area of emphasis was developed in 2017 and was designed for students seeking careers as laboratory managers in academic, public, and private sectors. Coursework was combined with practical field placement and laboratory experiences in science-related fields. Internships were available from regional and national technology firms.

### **1. Why is this area of emphasis being proposed for termination?**

The college seeks to terminate this area of emphasis due to low enrollment. As a college-wide interdepartmental program, Comparative Biomedical Sciences (M.S., Non-Thesis) is designed to have flexible programs of study that can be catered to the individual needs of students. As such, there has been little interest in the formal areas of emphasis that were created when the program was starting out. This particular area of emphasis has only had one admitted student since its inception in 2017 and they completed the program in 2020.

### **2. What will be done to ensure that termination of the area of emphasis does not weaken the major(s) under which it is offered?**

This area of emphasis has never experienced significant interest or growth despite growth in the major overall. Therefore, the college does not foresee any negative impact from terminating an area of emphasis that has experienced low enrollment.

### **3. How will faculty and staff be notified of the termination? Will termination of the area of emphasis have any impact on the faculty and staff offering the area of emphasis?**

There are no students currently enrolled nor any active faculty/staff participation in this area of emphasis.

### **4. How will students be notified of the termination? How will students currently in the area of emphasis be advised to complete the requirements?**

There are no students enrolled in this area of emphasis.

### **5. What plans, if any, are there for subsequent reactivation of the area of emphasis?**

There are no plans to reactivate this area of emphasis.

## Documentation of Approval and Notification

**Proposal:** Terminate the Area of Emphasis in Biological and Life Sciences Laboratory Management under the major in Comparative Biomedical Sciences (M.S., Non-Thesis)

**College:** College of Veterinary Medicine

**Departments:** College of Veterinary Medicine

**Proposed Effective Term:** Summer 2025

School/College:

- College of Veterinary Medicine Associate Dean for Research, Faculty, and Graduate Affairs, Dr. Sharron Quisenberry, 11/21/2024
- Graduate School Associate Dean, Dr. Anne Shaffer, 1/15/2025