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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the College of Veterinary Medicine to terminate the Area of Emphasis in Biomedical Sciences and the Area of Emphasis in Zoological Medicine under the major in Comparative Biomedical Sciences (M.S.) 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:** Biomedical Sciences

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

**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 established in 2016 as part of modifications that were made when three existing majors in the college (Avian Medicine, Avian Health and Medicine, and Food Animal Medicine) were merged with the Comparative Biomedical Sciences (M.S.) program and a unique area of emphasis was established for each former major. At the time, the Area of Emphasis in Biomedical Sciences was created for distinction from the other programs.

This program structure proved unsuccessful and as a result, the original majors were reinstated and the three new areas of emphasis (Avian Medicine, Avian Health and Medicine, and Food Animal Medicine) were terminated. Unfortunately, due to an oversight, the Area of Emphasis in Biomedical Sciences was not terminated at the same time as it should have been. This area of emphasis is now synonymous with the M.S. program itself and therefore serves no purpose in the program.

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

This area of emphasis is antiquated and redundant with the program itself. The college is seeking to terminate this area of emphasis because it is no longer relevant.

#### **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?**

N/A. This area of emphasis is redundant.

#### **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?**

N/A. This area of emphasis is redundant.

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

N/A. This area of emphasis is redundant.

#### **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.

## PROPOSAL FOR TERMINATION OF AN AREA OF EMPHASIS

**Date:** October 30, 2024

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

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

**Area of emphasis to be terminated:** Zoological Medicine

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

**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 were ever enrolled in this area of emphasis.

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

### **Program Abstract:**

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

Zoological medicine is a discipline that integrates principles of ecology, conservation, and veterinary medicine and applies them to non-domesticated animals within natural and artificial environments. The area of emphasis was developed in 2016 as a combined M.S.-residency style program for veterinarians interested in specializing in zoological medicine.

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

The college seeks to terminate this area of emphasis due to low enrollment. This program was initially conceived as a combined M.S.-residency style program for veterinarians interested in specializing in zoological medicine. However, an alternative pathway of the Graduate Certificate in Residency in zoological medicine combined with Comparative Biomedical Sciences (M.S., Non-Thesis) has been universally chosen by students instead and there are no graduates from this specific area of emphasis.

### **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 enrolled any students. Therefore, the college does not foresee any impact from terminating an area of emphasis that has experienced no 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 have never been any students enrolled in this area of emphasis. There is no 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 following Areas of Emphasis under Comparative Biomedical Sciences (M.S.):

Area of Emphasis in Biomedical Sciences

Area of Emphasis in Zoological Medicine

**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