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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences to terminate the Undergraduate Certificate in Agrosecurity will be an agenda item for the February 10, 2017, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Alison Alexander, Chair
University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost Pamela S. Whitten
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav

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PROPOSAL TO TERMINATE AN UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE

I. Basic Information

1. Institution: University of Georgia Date: April 12, 2016

2. School/College: College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

3. Department/Division: Food Science and Technology

4. Program: Undergraduate Certificate in Agrosecurity

5. Deactivation or Termination: Termination

6. Last date students will be admitted to this program: Fall 2016

7. Last date students will graduate from this program: Fall 2018

8. Abstract of the deactivated or terminated program
Provide a brief summary of the deactivated or terminated program that includes an overview and highlights of the response to the criteria in Section II.

The Agrosecurity Certificate Program's goal was to motivate students to think critically about emerging issues in food system infrastructure, policy, and security—and be ready to apply their acquired knowledge and skills in their future professional careers. The UGA Certificate in Agrosecurity would prepare students in diverse disciplinary degree programs to satisfy the requirements of Awareness Level Response and Recovery for animal and plant biosecurity. The purpose of the Agrosecurity Certificate was to prepare students in food and agricultural disciplines to assure function of our national food system and protect our state and national food supply and quality.

The Certificate in Agrosecurity objectives were to provide students with:

- a broad overview of U.S. agriculture and food, including the plant, animal, and food industries;
 - a basic understanding of emergency management, resource policy, and homeland security programs related to agriculture and the food industry;
 - an understanding of terrorism and terrorist organizations, specifically as they relate to agrosecurity;
 - and global issues related to agrosecurity.

II. Conditions for Deactivating or Terminating Programs

The deactivation (temporary suspension) or termination (discontinuation) of programs is expected to address satisfactorily the conditions listed below in order to be approved and implemented within the University of Georgia. Please provide sufficient information to confirm each condition.

1. Provide copies of the studies and decisions that warrant deactivation or termination of the program.

Enrollment in the interdisciplinary program has been low (<7) since the program was approved and is currently at 4. There were 2 graduates in 2015, and there will possibly be 1 to 2 in 2016. The capstone course, AESC 4700, Agrosecurity Issues, Incidents and Response Seminar, has been without an instructor since 2012, and an AG*IDEA online course has been used to satisfy the requirement for the course.

2. State the reasons for deactivating or terminating the program.

As enrollment has never been robust in the program and two of the required courses have remained under enrolled by UGA standards, resources could be put to better use elsewhere. Dr. Keith Bertrand, Head of UGA Department of Animal and Dairy Science, contributed the following feedback regarding the certificate viability:

“The Animal and Dairy Science Department (ADS) teaches one course (ADSC 3840 Agriculture Incident Response) in this certificate program. Only 1 to 4 students have taken the course each time it has been taught over the last several years. The faculty member that teaches this course will probably retire in 2017, and there are no plans at the present time to hire a faculty member to teach this course with so few students in the program. While I like the idea of offering our students some programs that are unique to UGA, all costs and benefits must be examined when considering a program, and from ADS' standpoint, it will be hard to continue contributing to teaching of courses in this certificate program past 2017 when we have critical needs elsewhere.”

3. State the plans for allowing those students already in a program to complete degree requirements, including specific information on a.) how students will be notified of the program termination and b.) how students will be counseled on completing the program.

Students currently in the program have been informed of the plan to eliminate the program. Two of the required courses, AESC 4700 and ADSC 3840, will be offered in the fall of 2016, and students in the program needing one or both of these courses have been instructed they will need to enroll in fall 2016. Students should have no difficulty completing requirements for the additional program credit hours as they progress through the remainder of their degree program.

4. What will be done to minimize the impact or termination of the program upon the personal and professional lives of the faculty and staff involved, specifically a.) how will faculty and staff be notified of the termination and b.) how will faculty and staff be re-deployed?

There will be little to no impact on faculty and staff involved with the program. Those involved have been part of the discussion to terminate the program. Due to low enrollment of two of the required courses, faculty time will be better spent satisfying departmental needs in other ways.

5. What will be done to insure that deactivation or termination of the program does not weaken other programs (graduate, undergraduate, or professional) for which the department may be responsible?

Termination of the certificate program will have no adverse impact on other programs in the departments associated with the certificate. With low interest in the program, its termination will not be felt negatively.

6. What plans, if any, are there for subsequent reactivation or reinstatement, respectively, of the deactivated or terminated program?

There are no plans to reinstate the program.

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Proposal for the:

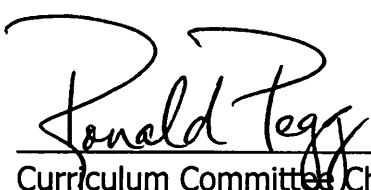
Termination of Undergraduate Certificate in Agrosecurity



Department Head

16 Nov 2016

Date



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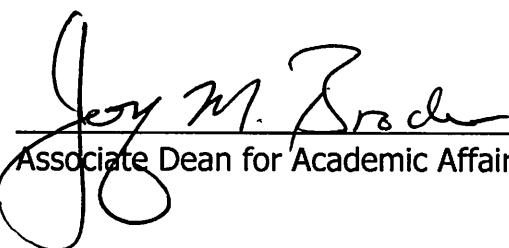
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Faculty Council Executive Committee Chair

16 Nov 2016

Date



Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

17 Nov. 2016

Date



Dean and Director

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The University of Georgia

College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Department of Entomology

October 31, 2016

Members of the CAES Faculty Council,

The CAES Undergraduate Curriculum Committee has unanimously voted in support of terminating the Undergraduate Certificate in Agrosecurity. The Department of Food Science and Technology request to terminate letter is attached.

Sincerely,

Ronald Pegg, Ph.D.
Chair – CAES Undergraduate Curriculum Committee



The University of Georgia

College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Department of Food Science and Technology

April 28, 2016

Dr. Marianne Shockley
CAES Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Chair
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Dear Dr. Shockley,

Attached is a proposal to terminate the Undergraduate Certificate in Agrosecurity. Enrollment in the interdisciplinary program has been low since the program was approved in 2007. Termination of the program will allow us to redirect faculty and staff resources in higher demand areas.

Currently enrolled students should have no difficulty completing the program. There will be little to no impact on faculty and staff involved with the program. Please contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Rakesh K. Singh
Professor and Head

RKS/dl