May 17, 2010

Erroll B. Davis, Jr., Chancellor
Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia
270 Washington Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Chancellor Davis:

Attached for consideration by the Board of Regents is a proposal from the College of Pharmacy to terminate the major in Pharmacology under the Doctor of Philosophy degree (Ph.D.).

Sincerely,

Michael F. Adams
President

MFA/jmb

Enclosure

cc:  Dr. Marci Middleton
     Professor Jere W. Morehead
     Dr. Laura D. Jolly
     Dr. Svein Oie
May 20, 2009

Dean Sheila Allen
College of Veterinary Medicine
University of Georgia
Athens, GA 30602

Dear Dean Allen:

As per University of Georgia Policies and Procedures, the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology requests a change in the name of our PhD in Physiology to a PhD in Integrative Physiology and Pharmacology. Concurrent with the name change for the PhD in Physiology, we request the PhD in Pharmacology be discontinued. These actions will allow the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology to consolidate the 2 PhD programs into a single PhD program. The combined program will not affect the curriculum and available courses will remain open. This serves to eliminate a number of redundancies between the 2 programs as well as increase the number of students in the combined program. These actions fulfill, in part, the recommendation of the program review committee from Fall of 2008.

Thank you for considering this request and I will gladly address any comments or concerns regarding this proposal.

Sincerely,

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Gaylen L. Edwards, DVM, PhD
Professor and Head
Termination of PhD in Pharmacology

Institution: University of Georgia  Date: January 15, 2010

School/College: College of Veterinary Medicine

Department: Department of Physiology and Pharmacology

Program: Degree: PhD  Major: Pharmacology

Termination of Degree

Last date students will be admitted to this program: August 17, 2009

Last date students will graduate from this program: August 1, 2015

The Department of Physiology and Pharmacology is seeking termination of the PhD in Pharmacology primarily because of low enrollment. There is currently one student enrolled in the program and that student will finish by 2015. This decline in enrollment has occurred as faculty participate more in interdisciplinary programs such as Toxicology and Neuroscience, and students show more interest in the Physiology major of the Department. It should be noted that the interdisciplinary programs attract more good applicants and students than the traditional Physiology and Pharmacology degree programs.

All graduate faculty in the Department have agreed to the termination (9 yes, 0 no). The opportunities in interdisciplinary graduate programs (Neuroscience and Toxicology) as well as renaming the Physiology degree to Integrative Physiology and Pharmacology should accommodate students and faculty with an interest in Pharmacology.