March 26, 2010

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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal to change the name of the major in Physiology (Ph.D.) to Integrative Physiology and Pharmacology (Ph.D.) will be an agenda item for the April 2, 2010, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

David E. Shipley, Chair
University Curriculum Committee

cc: Professor Jere W. Morehead
    Dr. Laura D. Jolly
NAME CHANGE JUSTIFICATION FORM

January 15, 2010

School: College of Veterinary Medicine, Department of Physiology and Pharmacology

Name (Current): PhD in Physiology
Name (Proposed): PhD in Integrative Physiology and Pharmacology

JUSTIFICATION:

In recent years, enrollment in the Physiology and Pharmacology degree programs has decreased. This is in part due to decreased faculty numbers in the Department and emergence of interdisciplinary programs in Toxicology and Neuroscience. The department wishes to merge the 2 degree programs into a single program, Integrative Physiology and Pharmacology. The new name more accurately reflects the breadth of the program in the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology. Faculty are involved in studies ranging from molecular mechanisms of disease to whole animal clinical studies in veterinary patients. These studies investigate the physiology of various body systems and often utilize pharmacological methods to address these questions. In fact, it is often difficult to differentiate the Physiology studies from the Pharmacology studies and individual faculty publish in journals of both disciplines. Thus, the two PhD programs have effectively become the same program.

SIGNATURES:

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