

Fiscal Unit/Academic Org	Plant Cell & Molec Biology - D0380
Administering College/Academic Group	Arts And Sciences
Co-administering College/Academic Group	
Semester Conversion Designation	Deactivated (i.e., program to be held in abeyance for possible future use, but not to be converted at present time, no new admissions shall be possible until reactivated, include effective date of deactivation)
Rationale	The historically small number of PCMB undergraduate majors is the driving force behind the deactivation of the PCMB-BA program.
Current Program/Plan Name	Plant Cellular and Molecular Biology
Program/Plan Code Abbreviation	PCMB-BA
Current Degree Title	Bachelor of Arts

Attachments

- PCMB BA Deactivation.pdf: deactivation proposal
(Letter from Program-offering Unit. Owner: Vaessin, Harald Emil Friedrich)
- PCMB BA and BS deactivation cover letter.doc: NMS Division of Arts and Sciences cover letter
(Letter from the College to OAA. Owner: Andereck, Claude David)

Comments

Workflow Information

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Larry Krissek
Chair, Arts and Sciences CCI

Dear Larry:

It is a pleasure to forward to you for consideration by the CCI and the Sciences Subcommittee proposals for the deactivation of the Plant Cellular and Molecular Biology (PCMB) BS and BA majors. The Departments of Molecular Genetics and PCMB have recently merged into a unified Molecular Genetics Department. The Department has decided that the existing PCMB major programs should cease to exist and will be subsumed under the Molecular Genetics BS as a specialization appropriate for those students with a particular interest in plant biology. At the present time there are no students in the BA program and deactivation is requested immediately. The approximately twenty students enrolled in the BS major may be straightforwardly handled during the semester transition with proper advising using the semester courses that will be available within Molecular Genetics. If deactivation formally occurs in 2016 as requested that will give the students currently enrolled sufficient time to complete all requirements. New students interested in plant biology will be directed toward the specialization within the Molecular Genetics BS.

If you have any questions, I would be happy to address them.

Sincerely,



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From: Anita Hopper, Chair, Department of Molecular Genetics

Mark Seeger, Associate Chair, Department of Molecular Genetics

Date: May 24, 2011

Re: Deactivation of the PCMB BA Major

As of Spring Quarter 2011 there are a total of 20 declared Plant Cellular and Molecular Biology (PCMB) BS majors and no PCMB BA majors. In fact, the historically small number of PCMB undergraduate majors was a significant driving force behind the recent merger of the Department of Plant Cellular and Molecular Biology with the Department of Molecular Genetics. Maintaining a department with sufficient faculty to teach a sequence of plant specific courses to constitute an undergraduate major with limited enrollment proved fiscally unsustainable. As part of the program and curriculum review for the quarter to semester conversion process the PCMB and Molecular Genetics faculties discussed the future of the PCMB Undergraduate Majors and Minor. These discussions took place within our curriculum committees and combined faculty meetings starting in the 2009/2010 academic year and continuing through Autumn Quarter 2010. The consensus that emerged was to deactivate the PCMB Majors, both BA and BS. In their place, we created a PCMB specialization within the Molecular Genetics Undergraduate Major. This specialization utilizes significant portions of the Molecular Genetics undergraduate core course sequence and supplements this with plant specific elective coursework. Courses in general plant biology, plant anatomy, plant physiology, and plant biochemistry will continue to be offered and provide a repertoire of plant specific electives for the PCMB Specialization. Foundational studies in genetics, molecular biology, cell and developmental biology will be provided from courses that are required of all Molecular Genetics undergraduates. This plan provides opportunities for undergraduates who desire extensive training in plant cellular and molecular biology, while maintaining a program that is fiscally viable. The PCMB and Molecular Genetics joint faculty voted unanimously (21-0) at the November 2010 faculty meeting to deactivate the PCMB Undergraduate Majors and replace it with the Molecular Genetics Major with PCMB Specialization. The Molecular Genetics Major with PCMB Specialization will be available with the start of semesters.

Given the fact that no students are currently listed as PCMB BA Majors, we request that the BA Major be deactivated as soon as possible following approval of this proposal.