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Vice Provost W. Randy Smith
Council on Academic Affairs
Office of Academic Affairs
203 Bricker Hall
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Columbus, OH 43210

RE: Termination of BA-Microbiology

Dear Vice Provost Smith and Colleagues,

The Department of Microbiology currently offers both a BA and a BS in Microbiology, and here we propose to terminate the Microbiology-BA program. This decision is motivated by the convergence of BA and BS program requirements (e.g. math prerequisites) that occurred following the conversion from quarters to semesters, and a diminished student interest in the Microbiology-BA program. Termination of the Microbiology-BA program is supported by the Department of Microbiology faculty, who voted unanimously to support its termination. We queried the Graduation Services Office, and from AU13 to SP18 no OSU students graduated with a Microbiology-BA. We also queried active students, and none are active in the Microbiology-BA program in either SU18 or AU18. Thus, termination of the Microbiology-BA is unlikely to adversely affect any OSU undergraduates.

We thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

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