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Tatiana:

The proposal from the Department of Family Medicine to change its name to the Department of Family and Community Medicine was approved by the Council on Academic Affairs at its meeting on January 22, 2020. Thank you for attending the meeting to response to questions/comments.

The proposal will now be sent to the University Senate with a request that it be included on the agenda of the Senate meeting on February 20, 2020. The Chair of the Council, Professor Jennifer Higginbotham, will present the proposal but we will need your or someone from the Department or College to attend to answer any detailed questions. If approved by the Senate it will be sent to the Board of Trustees for the final level of review/approval at a forthcoming Board meeting. I will provide you with details as I get them.

Please keep a copy of this message for your file on the proposal and I will do the same for the file in the Office of Academic Affairs.

If you have any questions, please contact Professor Higginbotham (.37) or me.

Congratulations on the successful completion of this important stage in the approval process.

Randy



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TO: Randy Smith, Vice Provost for Academic Programs
Eric Bielefeld, Chair, Council on Academic Affairs
FROM: Shari Speer, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Graduate School
DATE: 1-10-2020
RE: Proposal for a title change from Comparative and Veterinary Medicine to
Comparative Biomedical Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine

The College of Veterinary Medicine is proposing to change the title of its Comparative and Veterinary Medicine Graduate Program to Comparative Biomedical Sciences Program.

The proposal was received by the Graduate School on October 7th, 2019. It was reviewed by GS/CAA on October 23rd, 2019, and revisions were requested. It was reviewed a second time on November 7th, 2019. No further revisions were requested, and the proposal was recommended for approval by the Graduate Council. The proposal was approved by the Graduate Council on December 9th, 2019.



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October 24, 2019

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Dear Dr. Speer:

Thank you and your subcommittee (GS/CAA curriculum subcommittee) for review of our proposal to change the title of the graduate program in the College of Veterinary Medicine from “Comparative & Veterinary Medicine” to “Comparative Biomedical Sciences”.

Please see below responses to your specific requests.

1. The subcommittee would like to know more about the seven names that were considered, and the decision process in accepting/rejecting them. In addition, they wondered about the rationale for removing the word ‘veterinary’ from the degree title.

We communicated with Randy Smith about the process for this back in July 2019. By survey and discussion, our College generated six (not seven) potential names (below). Before we started down this process, Randy Smith suggested that we vet these names by the appropriate leaders at the Health Sciences Colleges for their preapproval. These included Dan Clinchot (COM), Mike Bisesi (CPH), Cindy Anderson (CON), Katherine Kelly/Cynthia Carnes (COP), Jeff Walline (COO), and Darryl Hamamoto (COD). Dr. Clinchot suggested deleting Basic and Translational Biomedical Sciences because he felt it overlapped too closely with the Biomedical Sciences name in COM. He had no issue with our eventual choice Comparative Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program. The others had no issues.

Translational, Molecular & Population Sciences
Comparative, Molecular & Population Sciences
Translational & Molecular Biosciences
Comparative Biomedical & Population Sciences
Comparative Biomedical Sciences
~~Basic and Translational Biomedical Sciences~~

A survey of these five choices were presented to the voting faculty, along with a “write-in” option, and 53% favored Comparative Biomedical Sciences. The other 4 names all garnered less than 15%.

In summary, a broader name and removal of Veterinary from the program title was the goal of this process and was supported by the majority of our faculty. The rationale for this change is multifold: diversity of the research in our College; the fact that 70% of our extramural research funding and graduate student training opportunities are beyond the scope of veterinary medicine; our difficulty in attracting graduate students that align with our broad research topics; the broader name aligns with our peer institutions; and, the redundancy of including the term veterinary for a graduate program in a College of Veterinary Medicine.

This information can be found in the slightly revised application under point #1. The specific names of graduate school and college representatives are not listed on the application.

2. The subcommittee would like to know more about who you consider to be your peer institutions, and what the names of comparable programs are at those institutions.

Prior to initiating name change discussions, the Chair of our Council for Graduate Studies compiled a list of all graduate program names at North American Colleges of Veterinary Medicine according to their rankings by US News & World Reports. This list was shared with the entire CVM Council for Graduate Studies and in faculty meetings to inform the discussions. Graduate program names for our top-ranking peers (OSU is tied for 4th) with a single veterinary college graduate program include:

- University of California-Davis (#1) – Integrative Pathobiology
- Cornell University (#2) – Biological and Biomedical Sciences
- Colorado State University (#3) – Biomedical Sciences
- North Carolina State University (tied, #4) – Comparative Biomedical Sciences
- Texas A&M (tied, #4) – Biomedical Sciences
- University of Wisconsin (#8) – Comparative Biomedical Sciences
- University of Minnesota (tie, #10) – Comparative and Molecular Biosciences

This information can be found in the slightly revised application under point #1.

3. The subcommittee was particularly concerned about the level of overlap between your proposed new title, *Comparative Biomedical Sciences* and another graduate degree program name already in use at Ohio State in the College of Medicine, *Biomedical Sciences*. They requested a letter of concurrence from the College of Medicine.

As outlined in response to question 1, we sought feedback and preapproval up front from the appropriate leaders in the Health Sciences Colleges as recommended by Randy Smith. As requested, we provide a letter from Dr. Dan Clinchot (College of Medicine).

Thank you again for assisting us with this process. Please feel free to contact me for any additional information you might require.

Sincerely,



Patrick L. Green

Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies



CHANGE REQUEST FORM
DEGREE TITLE CHANGE

CCGS member institutions must use this form to request degree title changes for previously approved graduate programs. Change requests must be submitted through the institution’s CCGS representative. In order to ensure sufficient time for review, please submit all requests **at least four weeks prior to an upcoming meeting of the CCGS**. Documents may be submitted as PDF or Microsoft Office documents (e.g., Word or Excel).

Date of submission:

9/23/2019

Name of institution:

The Ohio State University

Primary institutional contact for this request:

Name	Dr. Patrick Green
Title	Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies
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Previously approved title:

Comparative and Veterinary Medicine Graduate Program

Proposed new title:

Comparative Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program

Date that the request received final approval from the appropriate institutional committee:

8/29/2019 (College)

Proposed implementation date:

01/01/2020

Educator Preparation Programs:

Indicate whether the program that is being retitled leads to educator preparation licenses or endorsements.

Licensure Yes/No
Endorsement Yes/No

Please provide the following information:

1. *Rationale for title change.*

The rationale for the title change is to meet goals and expectations of our College's 5 Year Strategic Plan.

Research Goal. To be a global leader in animal and human health as a top research funded College of Veterinary Medicine.

Strategy 5. Advance graduate programs through alignment with college research priorities in order to recruit the best and the brightest candidates.

Tactic 1. Rename, redefine, and unify college wide graduate program.

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This task has repeatedly sought faculty and student input over the last 1.5 years, led by the Council for Graduate Studies (CfGS). By survey and discussion, our college generated six potential names (below).

- Translational, Molecular & Population Sciences
- Comparative, Molecular & Population Sciences
- Translational & Molecular Biosciences
- Comparative Biomedical & Population Sciences
- Comparative Biomedical Sciences
- ~~Basic and Translational Biomedical Sciences~~

The Graduate School recommended we vet the potential names with appropriate leaders at the other health sciences colleges at OSU (College of Medicine, College of Public Health, College of Nursing, College of Pharmacy, College of Dentistry, College of Optometry) before proceeding. The College of Medicine suggested deleting Basic and Translational Biomedical Sciences because it was felt it overlapped too closely with the Biomedical Sciences name in COM. They had no issue with our eventual choice - Comparative Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program. The others had no issues. Therefore, the list was reduced to five names. A survey of these five choices were presented to the faculty, along with a "write-in" option, and 53% favored Comparative Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program. The other four names all garnered less than 15%.

There has been follow up discussions with faculty at CfGS meetings, as well as at a Faculty Council meeting, Departmental faculty meetings, and all faculty meetings regarding the pros and cons of this name and development of supporting pillars intended to further highlight the major training topics within our program.

Final vote by the faculty was conducted in August of 2019 and the name Comparative Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program passed with a majority vote.

In summary, a broader name and removal of Veterinary from the program title was the goal of this process and was supported by the majority of our faculty. The rationale for this change is multifold: diversity of the research in our College; the fact that 70% of our extramural research funding and graduate student training opportunities are beyond the scope of veterinary medicine; our difficulty in attracting graduate students that align with our broad research topics; the broader name aligned with our peer institutions; and, the redundancy of including the term veterinary for a graduate program in a College of Veterinary Medicine.

2. *Describe how the title change will affect students in the current program.*

The title change will not affect students in the current program considering there will be no change to coursework with this change. The only change will be that the current program name on student transcripts will be replaced with the new program name. We do intend to allow the students that are currently in the program to select the former or new program name they want to graduate with.

3. *Are there any administrative, curricular, faculty or support service changes occurring along with the title change? If "yes," please describe.*

There will be no changes to any administrative, curricular, faculty, or support services with the program name change.

4. *Have the appropriate accreditation agencies been informed of the proposed change (if applicable)?*

N/A

The person listed below verifies that this request has received the necessary institutional approvals and that the above information is truthful and accurate.



Signature (Chief Academic Officer or Delegate – e.g., Graduate Dean)

Patrick Green –Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies College of Veterinary Medicine

Typed Name & Title

10/25/2019

Date of Approval



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October 24, 2019

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Dear Shari:

The College of Medicine fully endorses the proposed name change for the graduate program in Veterinary Medicine to "Comparative Biomedical Sciences."

Sincerely,

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Associate Vice President for Health Sciences Education
Chair, Department of Biomedical Education and Anatomy
Harry C. and Mary Elizabeth Powelson Professor of Medicine
Professor, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

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