

## Memorandum

To: University Senate

From: Jennifer Higginbotham, Co-Chair, Council on Academic Affairs

Subject: Proposal to Change the Program Title of Comparative and Veterinary Medicine

Date: February 6, 2019

A PROPOSAL FROM THE COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS TO CHANGE THE TITLE OF THE PROGRAM IN COMPARATIVE AND VETERINARY MEDICINE TO COMPARATIVE BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES; COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

- Whereas the new title aligns with the college's research priorities to recruit the best and brightest candidates
- Whereas the name change is in line with the names used by peer institutions with a single veterinary college graduate program
- Whereas a slate of possible program names was chosen in consultation with the College of Medicine, the College of Public Health, the College of Nursing, the College of Pharmacy, the College of Optometry, and the College of Dentistry
- Whereas the choice of title was chosen through a faculty vote in which Comparative Biomedical Sciences was chosen by 53% of respondents as compared to 15% or less for other options
- Whereas Comparative Biomedical Sciences reflects the diversity of the College's research and the fact that 70% of extramural research funding and graduate student training opportunities are beyond the scope of veterinary medicine
- Whereas the proposal was reviewed by a joint subcommittee of the Graduate School and Council on Academic Affairs on October 23 and

November 7, 2019, approved by the Graduate Council on December 9, 2019, and approved by the Council on Academic Affairs on January 22, 2019

Therefore be it resolved that the University Senate approve the proposal to change the title of the program in Comparative and Veterinary Medicine to Comparative Biomedical Sciences and respectfully request approval by the Board of Trustees.