

AGENDA ITEM

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10. UNC Degree Program Discontinuations.....Courtney Thornton

Situation: The following institutions request authorization to discontinue degree programs:

East Carolina University

- Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Physics (CIP 40.0801)
- Bachelor of Science (BS) in Applied Physics (CIP 40.0801)

UNC-Chapel Hill

- Master of Science (MS) in Cell and Developmental Biology (CIP 26.0401)
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Cell and Developmental Biology (CIP 26.0401)

UNC Greensboro

- Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Economics, Secondary Education (CIP 13.1317)

Background: Per UNC 400.1, the campuses and UNC General Administration review degree program offerings and bring periodic discontinuation recommendations to the UNC Board of Governors.

Assessment: Discontinuation of the above-listed programs is recommended.

Action: This item requires a vote by the Committee, with full Board vote through the consent agenda.

**Requests for Authorization to Discontinue
Academic Degree Programs**

East Carolina University

BA in Physics (CIP 40.0801)

BS in Applied Physics (CIP 40.0801)

These programs were identified as low enrolled during the most recent biennial academic program productivity review. Applied Physics will become a renamed concentration within the BS in Physics degree. This discontinuation does not result in the reassignment or discontinuation of faculty or staff or in the reallocation or reduction of costs.

UNC-Chapel Hill

MS in Cell and Developmental Biology (CIP 26.0401)

PhD in Cell and Developmental Biology (CIP 26.0401)

This request emanates from the 2012 merger of two UNC-Chapel Hill departments to become the Department of Cell Biology and Physiology. Each of the two departments in the merger offered a MS and PhD degree program, which are now becoming single MS and PhD degree programs. Components of the above MS and PhD degree programs, upon discontinuation, will be maintained in the MS and PhD in Cell Biology and Physiology degree programs. The faculty identified and streamlined or eliminated any redundant course content in the remaining MS and PhD in Cell Biology and Physiology degree programs.

UNC Greensboro

BA in Economics, Secondary Education (CIP 13.1317)

This program was identified as low enrolled during the most recent biennial academic program productivity review. Courses will continue to be offered as part of other academic programs. As such, this discontinuation will not result in the reassignment or discontinuation of faculty or staff or in the reallocation or reduction of costs.