

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
November 6, 2014

SUBJECT: Ph.D. in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (CIP 26.0210) at the University of Florida

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider termination of the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the University of Florida, CIP Code 26.0210.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Board of Governors Regulation 8.011

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The University of Florida (UF) is requesting to terminate a Ph.D. degree program in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. In 1996, UF's College of Medicine started the Interdisciplinary Program in Biomedical Sciences (IDP) Ph.D. program comprised of six core disciplines, including Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. Faculty in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (BMB) participate in this program, and all Biochemistry graduate students have been admitted through this program. The college-wide IDP program has been advantageous for students, faculty, and the department since students have more choices for faculty mentors and faculty has access to a larger pool of students. Additionally, the duplication of staff, faculty effort, and courses has been avoided by having a college-wide program. Students have not been admitted into the Ph.D. Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (CIP 26.0210) program in over 10 years.

The UF Board of Trustees approved the termination of the program on March 27, 2014. If approved by the Board of Governors, the program termination will be effective summer 2014.

Supporting Documentation Included: Information located in the Academic and Student Affairs Committee materials