

Graduate Council Resolution

Graduate Council Resolution in support of the Addition of a Masters of Arts in Pharmacology and Neuroscience

RATIONALE

Whereas, the Department of Pharmacology in the School of Medicine is proposing the addition of a Master of Arts (MA) degree in Pharmacology and Neuroscience; and

Whereas, the MA will complement the Department of Pharmacology's existing Master of Science degree by offering a non-thesis, accelerated mostly online degree program; and

Whereas, the MA program is targeted at students seeking to increase their knowledge base, without requiring bench research, in order to compete for high technology jobs with a projected enrollment of 12 students in the first year, increasing to 20 students in the 4th year of the program; and

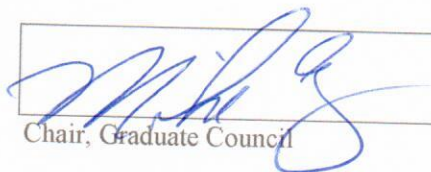
Whereas, the curriculum for the MA program will consist of 34 credit hours with more than 51% of instruction online, in addition to the successful completion of a final comprehensive examination and a capstone project; and

Whereas, the MA program can be offered without implementing staffing changes and the planned enrollment will not increase teaching loads significantly and additional salaries and lab teaching supplies can be covered as needed through the department's share of the tuition; and

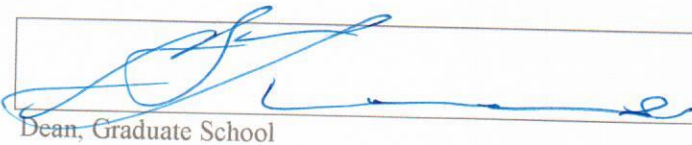
Whereas, there are other Pharmacology programs in the country that employ a non-thesis Master's degree and SIU School of Medicine's program will effectively compete with these;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Graduate Council approves the RME for the addition of a Master of Arts in Pharmacology and Neuroscience in the Department of Pharmacology in the School of Medicine.

Date of Approval 12-3-2015


Chair, Graduate Council

12-14-15
Date


Dean, Graduate School

12/18/15
Date