

September 20, 2017

MEMORANDUM

TO: Academic Senate Executive Committee

FROM: University Graduate Committee
Chair, Marilyn Wilson

RE: MS in Marine Biology

I. Request to terminate MS in Marine Science.

Dr. Paul Crosbie, Chair of Biology, presented the history of the MS in Marine Science, which has always been based at Moss Landing. No Fresno State faculty have been involved with the program since 2009. There have been no Fresno State students in the program for ten years. It was noted that students who were interested in the area could enroll through one of the other consortium campuses, or take single courses. (See attached memo.)

MSC: The University Graduate Committee voted to support the request by the Biology Department to terminate the MS in Marine Science.

CC: Dr. James Marshall, Dean of Research and Graduate Studies
Dr. Christopher Meyer, Dean of College of Science and Mathematics

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College of Science and Mathematics

To: Fresno State Academic Senate, Graduate Committee
From: Department of Biology
Subject: Termination of the Master of Science degree in Marine Science at Fresno State

The Department of Biology is requesting that the Master of Science degree in Marine Science at Fresno State be terminated. The graduate program does not meet the standards outlined in APM 223. This program has a rather unique structure. All students wishing to earn a M.S. Marine Science degree must apply to both Moss Landing Marine Labs (MLML) and to one of the seven CSU campuses that are part of a consortium that oversees the labs. Fresno State is one of these campuses. Students must be accepted by both institutions, and their degree is awarded by the home campus – MLML may not independently award degrees. Moss Landing Marine Labs provides and administers the educational and research support, and all courses are taught at the main facility at Moss Landing, not at CSU Fresno.

According to APM 223 each graduate program is required to have a statement of mission and objectives. To the best of our knowledge the Marine Science program at Fresno State has never had a statement of mission or objectives. Those students wishing to pursue this degree are directed to the MLML webpage for the Mission Statement. Secondly, since all courses are taught at MLML the faculty here at Fresno State have not been included in the design of the M.S. in Marine Science curriculum. Thirdly, there are no current Fresno State students enrolled in this degree program and it has been over ten years since Fresno State has accepted any graduate student into the program. Lastly, Fresno State no longer has any presence at MLML since the retirement of Dr. Greg Cailliet in July 2009, whose primary appointment was at Fresno State.

The termination of this degree will not preclude students from pursuing a M.S. degree in Marine Science, they will simply apply to one of the other seven consortium campuses.

CC: Dr. Christopher Meyer, Dean of College of Science and Mathematics
Dr. Paul Crosbie, Chair, Department of Biology

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