From:	Smith, William T.
Sent:	Monday, February 10, 2020 3:44 PM
To:	Brothers, Sheila C.
Cc:	Bird-Pollan, Jennifer
Subject:	suspension Public Health PhD

Hey Sheila,
Below is my motion for the DrPH suspension. Let me know if the motion needs any editing.
Thanks – Bill

Proposal Name: Suspension of the Doctor of Public Health program

This is a recommendation that the University Senate approve the College of Public Health request to suspend the Doctor of Public Health program.

Rationale: The Council on Education in Public Health substantially revised competencies for the DrPH program in 2016. The revised competencies do not align well with faculty specializations in the College of Public Health. The two departments offering the DrPH, Epidemiology and Health Management and Policy, have elected to suspend the Doctor of Public Health while evaluating other existing programs and the direction of future programs. New admissions have not occurred since Fall 2017. Students currently enrolled will continue in the program until they graduate.

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Suspension less than one year. The faculty of the college in which a degree program resides may opt to suspend admissions for up to one year without going through the University Senate, pursuant to the established college faculty rules document A college faculty may opt to have an issue concerning temporary suspension of admissions to an academic program forwarded to the Senate Council for Senate consideration. (see Senate Rules 3.4.2.A.6).

Suspension greater than one year. The decision to suspend admissions to a Senate-approved certificate or degree program for longer than a single year is a significant reduction, which must be approved by the Senate (see Senate Rules 3.4.2). If the faculty of record intend to reinstate the program or certificate within five years of Senate's approval to suspend admissions, a representative for the program or certificate must immediately contact the Office of Strategic Planning and Institutional Effectiveness (OSPIE) to begin the process, which will include OSPIE notifying external agencies. After five years of suspension and in cases of program closure, the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) considers a program or certificate to be closed (no students will be admitted) and any attempt to reinstate it must go through the CPE's process to approve a new academic program.

Approval process. Once approved at the college level, your college will send the proposal to suspend admissions to the appropriate Senate academic council (Health Care Colleges Council, Graduate Council, Undergraduate Council) for review and approval (see Senate Rules 3.4.3.B). Once approved at the academic council level, the academic council will send your proposal to the Senate Council office for additional review via a committee and then to the Senate for approval. (The contact person listed on the form will be informed when the proposal has been sent to committee and other times as appropriate.) Once approved by the Senate, the Senate Council office will notify appropriate entities, including the Registrar's office and the Office of Strategic Planning and Institutional Effectiveness (OSPIE). OSPIE will suspend the program in the CPE program inventory and notify SACSCOC (UK's accrediting body) of the suspension.

Please check ONE of the following options.	
☒ Proposal is to *suspend admissions* for the program/certificate.	
OR	
☐ Proposal is to *close* the program/certificate.	

SECTION A – INFORMATION REQUIRED BY UNIVERSITY SENATE		
1. Basic Information: Program Background and Overview		
1a	Date of contact with Office of Strategic Planning and Institutional Effectiveness (OSPIE)[1]:	*9/21/18*
	☐ Appended to the end of this form is a PDF of the reply from OSPIE.	
1b	Home College: *Public Health*	
1c	Home Educational Unit (school, department): *Epidemiology, Health Management and Policy*	
1d	Degree Designation (BA, MS, PhD, etc.): *DrPH*	
1e	Major Name (Interior Design, Social Work, etc.): *Doctor of Public Health*	
1f	CIP Code: *51.2201*	
1g	Is there an accrediting agency related to this program?	Yes ☒ No ☐

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[1] You can reach OSPIE at OSPIE@uky.edu.

	If "Yes," name: *Council on Education in Public Health*

1h	Date of closure[2]:	☒ Fall semester following approval.	OR	☐ Specific Date[3]: *Fall 20 19*

1i	Semester in which last student is anticipated being enrolled: Fall 2017

1j	Semester in which the last student will receive a degree: Spring 2023

1k	Date of most recent periodic program review for the home educational unit:	Fall 2017

1l	Contact person name: *Paula Arnett*	Email: *paula.arnett@uky.edu*	Phone: *323-7020*

2. Overview

2a	What is the rationale for suspension of admissions? If an accrediting body recommended this suspension, note that and append that report to the end of this form.(*450 word limit*)
	The Council on Education in Public Health (CEPH) issued substantially revised competencies for the DrPH program in 2016. DrPH progams are required to be in compliance with these new criteria by January 2019, or close. The competencies selected by CEPH do not align well with faculty specializations within the College of Public Health (CPH), and would require the creation of multiple new courses while cutting credit hours from the current 63 to approximately 44. The DrPH is currently offered by two CPH departments, Epidemiology and Health Management and Policy. The revised criteria for the DrPH do not align well with training epidemiologists, and the Dept. of Epidemiology elected to suspend their concentration. The Dept. of Health Management and Policy also elected to suspend their concentration. In preparation to align the UK College of Public Health to the new criteria, the College is undergoing evaluation of existing programs and direction of future programs. The Doctorate of Public Health will be suspended to allow for this evaluation prior to alignment with the criteria.

2b	Is the degree for which admissions will be suspended a master's degree and is there an associated PhD program?	Yes ☐	No ☒
	If "Yes," should the master's degree now serve as an *en passant* option[4] for students who are unable to complete the associated PhD? (*150 word limit*)	Yes ☐	No ☐
	If "Yes," describe the associated PhD and how the *en passant* master's degree will be administered.		

2c	Provide an explanation for the proposed suspension of admissions. (*450 word limit*)
	New admissions to the program have not occurred since Fall 2017. Students currently enrolled will continue in the program until they graduate.

2d	Describe enrollment in the program below, for the last five years.				
	1 year ago:	2 years ago:	3 years ago:	4 years ago:	5 years ago:
	Year: 2017	Year: 2016	Year: 2015	Year: 2014	Year: 2013
	Enrollment: 9	Enrollment: 10	Enrollment: 11	Enrollment: 7	Enrollment: 13

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[2] The date of closure is the first semester for which admissions will be suspended and no students will be admitted.

[3] Suspensions of admissions are typically made effective for the semester following approval.

[4] If a degree is offered *en passant*, there are no direct admissions into the program and it exists solely as an option for students who are unable to complete the associated PhD.

2e	Describe graduation rates in the program below, for the last five years.				
	1 year ago:	2 years ago:	3 years ago:	4 years ago:	5 years ago:
	Year: 2017	Year: 2016	Year: 2015	Year: 2014	Year: 2013
	Grad rate: 6	Grad rate: 10	Grad rate: 7	Grad rate: 12	Grad rate:8
2f	Will another degree replace the program being suspended (i.e. a new program or a changed program)?			Yes[5] ☒	No ☐
	If "Yes," explain below. (*300 word limit*)				
	The College of Public Health is evaluating existing programs and future programs. The College is planning to pursue additional doctoral programs, for example, the Department of Health Management and Policy is in the process of developing a PhD in Health Management and Policy.				
2g	What will happen with the existing courses that comprised the program[6]? (*300 word limit*)				
	DrPH courses will be offered until no currently enrolled students need the courses.				
2h	Check the appropriate box below and explain. (*150 word limit*)				
	☒ Suspension greater than one year but less than five years.			☐ Suspension in perpetuity.	

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[5] Mention of the replacement degree here does not create/change it. The appropriate new/change forms must also be submitted.

[6] If the courses are no longer needed, the home educational unit will need to officially drop the courses.

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3. Teach Out Plan	
3a	How will affected parties (students, faculty, and staff) be informed of the impending closure?
	Communication from the Director of Doctoral Studies and the Dean
3b	Explain how all affected students will be helped to complete their program of study with minimal disruption.
	There will be no disruption for currently enrolled students.
3c	Will students incur additional charges/expenses as a result of the teach-out plan? Yes ☐ No ☒
	If "Yes," how will students be notified?
3d	Does suspension of admissions involve teach-out agreements with other institutions? Yes ☐ No ☒
	If "Yes," append to the end of this form the copies of signed agreements with other institutions.
3e	How will faculty be redeployed or helped to find new employment?
	There are no CPH faculty who work specifically or only within the DrPH program, so this is not a consideration.

INSTITUTIONAL TEACH-OUT PLAN

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) requires accredited institutions to submit a teach-out plan prior to closing a program, approved off-campus site, branch campus, or institution where the institution plans to teach out its own students.

In adherence to this policy, this form should be completed for all program suspensions and site closures and submitted to the Office of Strategic Planning and Institutional Effectiveness (OSPIE) in order to submit a notification to SACSCOC.

Please indicate the intended action ☒ Program suspension/closure ☐ Closure of off-campus site

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Contact Person: Paula Arnett

E-mail Address: paula.arnett@uky.edu

Telephone Number: 323-7020

Fax Number:

Location of off-campus site or program: ☒ Main Campus ☐ off-campus (indicate address below)

Address: 111 Washington Ave

City: Lexington   State: KY   Zip Code: 40508

Indicate the program(s) impacted by the closure or suspension (Major and degree type)

Doctor of Public Health - Doctoral program - DrPH

Date of Closure: Fall 2019
(date when new students will no longer be admitted)

Explain how affected parties (students, faculty, staff) will be informed of the impending closure	Communication from the Director of Doctoral Studies and the Dean.
Explain how all affected students will be helped to complete their programs of study with minimal disruption	There will be no disruption for currently enrolled students.
Indicate whether the teach-out plan will incur additional charges/ expenses to the students and, if so, how the students will be notified	No.
How will faculty and staff be redeployed or helped to find new employment?	There are no CPH faculty who work specifically or only within the DrPH program, so this is not a consideration.

4. Approvals/Reviews

		Reviewing Group Name	Date Approved	Contact Person Name/Phone/Email
4a	(Within College)			
		Academic Affairs and Assessment Committee	*9/10/18*	*Nancy Johnson / 218-0114 / nancy.e.johnson@uky.edu*
		Faculty Council	*9/21/18*	*John Watkins / 218-0240 / john.watkins@uky.edu*
		Assoc Dean Academic Affairs of College	*9/21/18*	*Jamie Taylor / 323-7341 / jamie.hunt@uky.edu*
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3b	(Collaborating and/or Affected Units)			
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3c	(Senate Academic Council)	Date Approved	Contact Person Name
	Health Care Colleges Council		
	Graduate Council		
	Undergraduate Council		