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Dear David and Rusty;

Attached please find MU's response to MDHE's directive to examine degree productivity. As you know MU produces 25% of all Bachelor and Masters degrees granted by public four-year institutions and over 60% of all PhDs. We have always taken seriously the responsibility to continually review our degree offerings, seeking to respond to student and market demands, as well as to meet the needs of the state and the nation.

In our November 1 letter, we indicated that by the end of December we would provide a progress report. At that time, we expected to decrease our total degree inventory by 12 degree programs. I write to report that, with the active engagement of our faculty and academic leadership, there will be a net reduction of 16 in the degree inventory. Some of this reduction will come from degrees that will be discontinued and some from merging both "low-producing" and "high-producing" degree programs to create a stronger **new** degree program. Table 1 in the attached **MU Response to MDHE Statewide Directive to Examine Degree Productivity** (containing tables 1-4), provides a list of all programs that will be discontinued or merged. It is important to understand that the merged programs will be discontinued only if the new degree programs listed in Table 2 are approved. Additionally we will continue the discontinued/merged degrees until the existing cohort of students finish those degrees. No student currently in those programs will be adversely affected by our actions.

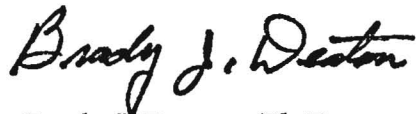


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In addition, you will find attached a **Degree Program Response Form** for each degree program that we believe, after an intensive examination over the past several weeks, is justified in being continued (see Table 3). MDHE had previously accepted the justification for the degree programs reported in Table 4.

If additional information is needed, please contact us and we will be pleased to respond.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brady J. Deaton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial 'B'.

Brady J. Deaton, Ph.D.
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Attachments:

MU Response to MDHE Statewide Directive to Examine Degree Productivity
MU Degree Program Response Forms

c: President Forsee, Provost Foster, Faculty Council Chair Leona Rubin, Kenneth Dean, George Justice, Mardy Eimers, Jim Spain (w/atts.)

MU Response to MDHE Statewide Directive to Examine Degree Productivity

Table 1. Merged/Discontinued Degree Programs

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
School/College	Program Name	Degree Level	Degree Program Discontinued	Explanation/Action Taken	Not a Low-producing Degree Program	Contingent upon approval of New/Merged Program in Table 2
A&S	Environmental Geology	BA	-1	Environmental Geology BA will be changed to Geological Sciences BA		
A&S	Spanish	BA	-1	The Spanish BA and French BA will be discontinued contingent on the approval of the new Romance Languages BA program	x	x
A&S	French	BA	-1			x
A&S	French	MA	-1	The Spanish MA and French MA will be discontinued contingent on the approval of the new Romance Languages MA program		x
A&S	Spanish	MA	-1			x
AGRI	Forestry	MS	-1	The Forestry MS, the Parks, Recreation & Tourism MS, and the SEAS MS will be discontinued contingent on the approval of a new MS program.		x
AGRI	Parks, Recreation & Tourism	MS	-1			x
AGRI	Soil, Environmental & Atmospheric Science	MS	-1		x	x
AGRI	Forestry	PhD	-1	The Forestry PhD and the SEAS PhD will be discontinued contingent on the approval of a new PhD program		x
AGRI	Soil, Environmental & Atmospheric Science	PhD	-1			x
AGRI	Natural Resources	MNR	-1	will be discontinued		
EDUC	Career & Technical Education	EdSp	-1	will be discontinued		
EDUC	Career & Technical Education	EDD	-1	will be discontinued		
EDUC	Career & Technical Education	PhD	-1	will be discontinued		
EDUC	Special Education	EdSp	-1	will be discontinued		
HES	Exercise Physiology	MS	-1	The Exercise Physiology MS and Nutritional Area Program MS will be discontinued contingent on the approval of a new PhD program		x
HES	Nutritional Area Program	MS	-1			x
MED	Pharmacology	MS	-1	The Pharmacology MS and the Physiology MS will be discontinued contingent on the approval of a new MS program.		x
MED	Physiology (Medicine)	MS	-1			x
MED	Pharmacology	PhD	-1	The Pharmacology PhD and the Physiology PhD will be discontinued contingent on the approval of a new PhD program.		x
MED	Physiology (Medicine)	PhD	-1		x	x
SHP	Communication Sciences & Disorders	PhD	-1	will be discontinued		
SHP	Clinical Laboratory Sciences	BHS	-1	will be discontinued		
Reduction in # of degree programs			-23			

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Table 2. New Degree Programs Required as Result of Merged/Discontinued Degree Programs from Table 1.

1	2	3	4	5
School/ College	Program Name	Degree Level	Degree Program Added	Explanation/Merged Program X + Y
A&S	Romance Languages	BA	1	French BA & Spanish BA
A&S	Romance Languages	MA	1	French MA & Spanish MA
AGRI	Forestry, Parks/Rec/Tour & SEAS	MS	1	Forestry MS + Parks/Rec/Tourism MS + SEAS MS
AGRI	Forestry & Soil, Environmental and Atmospheric Science	PhD	1	Forestry PhD + SEAS PhD
HES	Exercise Physiology & Nutritional Area Program	MS	1	Exercise Physiology MS + Nutritional Area Program MS
MED	Pharmacology & Physiology	MS	1	Physiology MS + Pharmacology MS
MED	Pharmacology & Physiology	PhD	1	Physiology PhD + Pharmacology PhD
Additional degree programs required			7	
Net change			-16	

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Table 3. Degree Program Justifications Submitted to MDHE

1	2	3
School/ College	Program Name	Degree Level
A&S	Anthropology	MA
A&S	Anthropology	PhD
A&S	Art	MFA
A&S	Art History & Archaeology	PhD
A&S	Classical Languages	MA
A&S	Classical Studies	PhD
A&S	Geography	MA
A&S	Geological Sciences	BA, BS
A&S	Geology	PhD
A&S	German	BA
A&S	German	MA
A&S	Linguistics	BA
A&S	Religious Studies	MA
A&S	Romance Language	PhD
A&S	Russian	BA
A&S	Russian & Slavonic Studies	MA
A&S	Statistics	BA, BS
A&S	Theatre	MA
A&S	Theatre	PhD
AGRI	Agricultural Education	PhD
AGRI	Agricultural Journalism	BS
AGRI	Food Science	PhD
AGRI	Food Science & Nutrition	BS
AGRI	Rural Sociology	MS
AGRI	Rural Sociology	PhD
BUS	Accountancy	PhD
EDUC	Educational Studies	BSE
EDUC	Special Education	PhD,EDD
ENGR	Computer Science	BACS
ENGR	Industrial Engineering	PhD
GRAD	Genetics Area Program	PhD
GRAD	Neuroscience	MS
GRAD	Neuroscience	PhD
HES	Architectural Studies	MA,MS
HES	Exercise Physiology	PhD
HES	Nutritional Area Program	PhD
MED	Health Informatics & Bioinformatics	MS
MED	Microbiology (Medicine)	MS
MED	Public Health	MS
VET	Biomedical Sciences	PhD

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Table 4. Degree Program Justifications/Discontinuations Previously Accepted by MDHE

1	2	3	4
School/ College	Program Name	Degree Level	Discontinued See Table 1
A&S	Biological Sciences	MA	
A&S	Chemistry	MS	
A&S	Communication	MA	
A&S	Environmental Geology	BA	x
A&S	Film Studies	BA	
AGRI	Agricultural Economics	MS	
AGRI	Biochemistry	MS	
AGRI	Natural Resources	MNR	x
AGRI	Parks, Recreation & Tourism	MS	x
EDUC	Career & Technical Education	EdSp	x
EDUC	Educational Leadership & Policy Analysis	EdSp	
EDUC	Educational Leadership (coop. W/UMR/CMSU/	EdSp	
EDUC	Special Education	EdSp	x
ENGR	Chemical Engineering	MS	
ENGR	Computer Engineering	MS	
GRAD	Informatics	PhD	
GRAD	Public Affairs	PhD	
HES	Personal Financial Planning	MA,MS	
HES	Textile & Apparel Mgmt	MA,MS	
MED	Pathology	MS	
SHP	Communication Science & Disorders	PhD	x
VET	Pathobiology Area Program	PhD	

1	2	3	4
School/ College	Program Name	Degree Level	Discontinued See Table 1

1	2	3	4
School/ College	Program Name	Degree Level	Discontinued See Table 1