



FOR RECOMMENDATION

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TO: Academic Board

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AGENDA ITEM: 8

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Proposed Closure of the Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy (B.Sc.Pharm.) Degree Program,
Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Academic Board is responsible for approving the termination of existing degrees, subject to confirmation by the Executive Committee of the Governing Council (*Academic Board Terms of Reference*, Section 5.3.2).

GOVERNANCE PATH:

1. Committee on Academic Policy and Programs [for Recommendation] (May 9, 2017)
2. **Academic Board [for approval] (May 29, 2017)**
3. Executive Committee [for confirmation] (June 13, 2017)

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

On April 24, 2008, the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs approved the proposal to change the Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy (B.Sc.Pharm.) curriculum and admission requirements, effective September 1, 2010. At the same time, it approved in principal a change the entry-to-practice degree for the undergraduate professional pharmacy program from the baccalaureate (B.Sc.Pharm.) to the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree, pending Ministry approval.

The proposal to close the Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy (B.Sc.Pharm.) was approved at the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy on April 27, 2017.

HIGHLIGHTS:

This is a proposal to close the Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy (BScPhm). This is the final step in the process of transitioning from the B.Sc.Phm to the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) as the entry-to-practice degree for pharmacists.

The change in curriculum and degree nomenclature was the result of a recognized expanded scope of pharmacists' practice in Canada affecting entry-to-practice curriculum which became more clinical in nature with a significant expansion in both clinical courses and in experiential education. It was the result of broad consultation, including with the Schools of Pharmacy in Canada and Pharmacy School Deans across Canada agreed that all schools would transition to a PharmD entry-to-practice degree program.

In May 2008 the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs approved the proposal of the new B.Sc.Phm. curriculum and approved in principle, a change to the degree to a PharmD, pending Ministry approval. The implementation of the new curriculum started in 2011-12. Ministry approval for the degree change was received in January 2013, enabling students in the new Program to be conferred with the PharmD degree when they graduated in 2015. Students who were in progress in the B.Sc.Phm. during this time completed their program following the original, pre-revision curriculum. Also, the Faculty continued to offer the post-baccalaureate PharmD program, an advanced degree program, which was in place since 1992, and would be phased out with the implementation of the new entry-to-practice PharmD program. At that time, to provide students in the BScPhm an opportunity to receive advanced practice education, similar to their peers in the new entry-to-practice PharmD program, the Faculty created a combined degree BScPhm/Post-baccalaureate PharmD program to provide a mechanism for qualified students enrolled in the BScPhm program to complete that degree program and the requirements of the existing post-baccalaureate PharmD program. All of the students who were in the combined program have graduated and this pathway was closed through the major modification process on April 27, 2017.

Admissions to the B.Sc.Phm degree program were suspended on September 1, 2014. Currently there is one student yet to complete the program who will complete the degree program in June 2018.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications. Faculty and staff have continued to teach in, and support, the PharmD program that has replaced the BScPhm program.

RECOMMENDATION:

Be it Resolved

THAT subject to confirmation by the Executive Committee

THAT the proposed closure of the Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy degree, offered through the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy dated February 16, 2017, to which admissions were administratively suspended September 1, 2014, be approved with an anticipated program closure date of June 30, 2018.

DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:

Proposal for the closure of the Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy (B.Sc.Pharm.), Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy



University of Toronto Proposal for the Closure of an Existing Program (Graduate or Undergraduate)

(This template has been developed in line with the University of Toronto's Quality Assurance Process.)

The process followed for the closure of any program is the same as that required for the approval of any new such program.

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| Closure Proposed: Please specify precisely what is being closed: i.e., Graduate diploma, field, certificate, option within a program (e.g., specialist, major, or minor), entire program, or degree (graduate or undergraduate) | Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy (BScPhm) Program |
| Department / Unit (if applicable): | Pharmacy |
| Faculty / Academic Division: | Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy |
| Faculty / Academic Division contact: | Heather Boon, Dean Lalitha Raman-Wilms, Associate Dean, Education |
| Department / Unit contact: | |
| Effective date program will be closed to new admissions: | July 1, 2011 |
| Effective date of full closure of program: (date by which students currently in the program will be expected to graduate) | June 30, 2018 |
| Version Date: | April 27, 2017 |

1 Brief Summary

The Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy (BScPhm) is a four-year, second entry, baccalaureate program. As of September 2011, the entry-to-practice degree program for Pharmacy at the University of Toronto, has been changed to the four-year, second entry, Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program. The PharmD program has replaced the BScPhm program. Admissions to the BScPhm were administratively suspended on July 1, 2011. There is one student currently in the degree program who will complete the degree program requirements by June 2018.

2 Rationale

With the expanding scope of pharmacists' practice in Canada, the Deans from all Canadian programs agreed in 2010 that the entry-to-practice degree would change from the BScPhm to a PharmD degree, and that the curriculum will be more clinical in nature with a significant expansion in both clinical courses and in experiential education.

Prior to this change, the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy offered a second entry (after one year of university), four-year B.Sc.Pharm. and a post-baccalaureate Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program. On May 13, 2008, the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs approved significant changes to the BScPhm curriculum and admission requirements reflecting the new curriculum described above and, at the same time, approved that the entry-to-practice degree would transition from the baccalaureate (BScPhm) to the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) degree. These changes came into effect as of September 2011 for all students entering in September 2011. Between September 2011 and June 2014, while all four years of the PharmD program was being implemented, the BScPhm program was phased out, with the last BScPhm cohort graduating in June 2014. In order to support students enrolled in the the BScPhm as of September 2011, the Faculty of Pharmacy created a combined BScPhm and PharmD degree program as a pathway to give those students the opportunity to obtain the higher level of clinical training so they could meet the higher expectations of professional practice. The combined BScPhm/PharmD was always meant as a time-limited offering and was administratively suspended on July 1, 2014. Currently there are no students in the combined program and so that pathway is closing through a separate major modification proposal going to the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy Faculty Council on April 27, 2017.

As a few students still had outstanding requirements to complete their BScPhm program, the program was kept open until now. Currently there is one student yet to complete the program; with this student's anticipated completion in June 2018, the BScPhm can now be closed.

3 Impact on other programs/units of the proposed closure

No implications are expected on other programs at the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy or at the University. The final student enrolled in the BScPhm program has been delayed in completion due to a leave of absence. It is anticipated that this student, who still has one outstanding program requirement, will complete the program by June 2018.

4 Student Accommodation

Table 1: Undergraduate

| | Year one | Year two | Year three | Year four |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|------------|-----------|
| Current enrolment | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

One student has 12-weeks of experiential education to be completed as part of year 4 of the BScPhm program.

5 Faculty / Staff Accommodation

No faculty or staff accommodation is required as a result of the closure, as faculty and staff have continued to teach in, and support, the PharmD program, that has replaced the BScPhm program.

6 Governance Process

| | Levels of Approval Required |
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| Decanal / Provostial Sign-Off | February 15, 2017 |
| | Faculty/Divisional Council (approval of closure of minors, where there is a continuing (specialist or major) February 27, 2017 – Faculty-wide Curriculum and Assessment Committee April 27, 2017 - LDFP Faculty Council |
| Submission to Provost’s Office | April 27, 2017 |
| | AP&P (approval of program closures: undergrad specialists/majors; minors where there is no specialist of major; graduate fields or diploma, and collaborative programs) |
| | Academic Board (approval of degree, graduate program, diploma closures) |
| | Executive Committee of Governing Council (executive confirms degree, grad program, closures) |
| Inclusion in Annual report to Quality Council | |
| Inclusion in Annual report to MTCU (in case of closure of degree) | |