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Re: School of Pharmacy Proposal for Dual Degree PharmD/PhD

Budget & Resource Management (BRM) has completed a review of the proposal to establish a PharmD/PhD dual degree program in Pharmaceutical Sciences and Pharmacogenomics. My team coordinated the review with the School of Pharmacy (SOP) Dean's Office finance staff to ensure the student fees, quarterly enrollment plans, and revenue and expense projections were thoroughly considered and sound. The PharmD-PSPG program is projected to enroll on average two students per academic year, with no significant impact to the PharmD expense budget.

The PharmD/PhD program combines existing State-supported Graduate Professional and Graduate Academic programs. The purpose for the dual degree is related to an increasingly high demand for professionals in research-intensive sectors. According to the proposal, advantages of the proposed dual degree program include: increasing visibility for the PharmD program in the light of declining applicant numbers, attracting students interested in combining clinical and research degrees, facilitating training for careers in academia, industry, regulatory, expanding Career Opportunities, and a shorter degree timeline, with both degrees earned in 6.5 years.

BRM supports SOP leadership's vision for enhancing its educational programming. The decline in applicants and steady state enrollment in the PharmD program has resulted in less Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST) revenue than projected in the current PDST multi-year plan. We hope the new programs assist the school in marketing and recruiting.

Please contact Chau Tu at chau.tu@ucsf.edu if you have any questions pertaining to this review.

Sincerely,
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