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Re: School of Pharmacy and Graduate Division Proposal for Dual Degree PharmD/MS

Budget & Resource Management (BRM) has completed a review of the proposal to establish a PharmD/MS dual degree. My team coordinated the review with the School of Pharmacy (SOP) Dean's Office Finance staff, MS Program Staff and the Registrar's Office to ensure the student fees, quarterly enrollment plans, and revenue and expense projections were thoroughly considered and sound. The PharmD-MS program is projected to enroll on average 2 students per academic year, with no significant impact to either expense budget.

The PharmD/MS program combines the existing PharmD State supported program and the Self-Supporting Graduate Professional Degree Program (SSGPDP) MS Clinical Research. The purpose for the dual degree is related to an increasingly high demand for clinical pharmacy research experience. SOP's recent graduates with industry positions emphasize the critical need for research skills for PharmDs interested in industry careers. According to the proposal, the advantages of the proposed dual degree program include: increasing visibility of the PharmD program in the light of declining applicant numbers, attracting students interested in combining clinical and research degrees, facilitating training for industry, expanding Career Opportunities, and a shorter degree timeline, with both degrees earned in 4 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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