TO: Richard Koubek, President
FROM: Andrew Storer, Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
DATE: April 18, 2023
SUBJECT: Senate Proposal 15-23

Attached is Senate proposal 15-23, “Proposal to Shelve Degree Program: 4+1 Histotechnology (SML7),” and a memo stating the Senate passed this proposal at their March 1, 2023 meeting. I have reviewed this proposal and recommend approving the proposal.

I concur X do not concur ______ with the provost’s recommendation as stated in this memo.

Richard Koubek, President

4/18/23
At its meeting on March 1, 2023, the University Senate approved Proposal 15-23, “Proposal to Shelve Degree Program: 4+1 Histotechnology (SML7).” Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.
The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

Proposal 15-23

(Voting Units: Academic)

“Proposal to Shelve Degree Program: 4+1 Histotechnology (SML7)”

Submitted by
Department of Biological Sciences
Contact: Chandrashekhar Joshi, Professor and Chair

1. Full name of program to be shelved

B.S. Medical Laboratory Science – 4+1 Histotechnology Concentration (SML7)

2. Final term program will be open for new admits

Fall 2022

3. Plan to complete all enrolled and returning students

All required Medical Laboratory Science courses will remain available. Therefore, enrolled and returning students will finish the degree as defined in the degree audit for their enrollment year. Note: There are no students currently enrolled in this concentration.

4. Reason for shelving

There is only 1 histology program offered by our clinical affiliates. Without a clinical site for students to complete their internship, this degree program cannot be offered. Histotechnologists must either have a bachelor’s degree in an approved major (e.g. biology, medical laboratory science, etc.) and one year of experience in a histopathology lab or complete a formal histotechnology educational program. We have seen a large reduction in the number of interested applications in the last 10+ years, therefore, we do not see a reason to keep this concentration.

5. Financial impact (if any) to the department and university

We anticipate minimal financial impact of this change to the department and university. There are no students that are currently enrolled in SML7. According to Webfocus reports, there has not been a single student enrolled in this degree concentration in over 10 years so we anticipate no change in enrollment or disruption to students interested in a Medical Laboratory Science degree. All existing courses will continue to be taught to support our SML8 and SML9 concentration choices.