

March 31, 2023

Academic Transformation Program Portfolio Review
Preliminary Recommendation

In accordance with Board of Governor's Academics Rule 2.2, West Virginia University's Office of the Provost has performed an Academic Program review for the following programs and majors:

MS Plant and Soil Sciences (all majors)

- **Entomology**
- **Horticulture**
- **Plant Pathology**
- **Applied and Environmental Microbiology**
- **Environmental, Soil and Water Sciences**

The recommendation for the program is:

- Continuance at the current level of activity
- Continuance at the current level of activity with specific action
- Continuance at a reduced level of activity
- Identification of the program for further development
- **Development of a cooperative program**
- Discontinuance

The following actions should be taken by the program. This includes what response is expected to the Provost's Office (if any) and when these actions are expected to be completed by.

- 1) After meeting with their dean's office to discuss this recommendation and determine the college's and division's strategy for the program and its majors, the program should develop a single major for the program and explore whether each of the current majors should be developed into Areas of Emphasis within that new major. An Intent to Plan for this new major should be submitted by **October 1st, 2023**.
- 2) Once the new major has been approved by the college, Provost's Office, and Graduate Council, the program will need to discontinue all of the current majors and contact Shelly Quance in Graduate Admissions to have them removed from the Graduate Application.
- 3) The program may appeal this decision by submitting a written appeal to Louis Slimak, Associate Provost for Curriculum and Assessment. **Please inform him by March 24, 2023, if there is an intent to appeal.** If an intent to appeal is registered,



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we will follow up with next steps, including a timeline for filing and hearing the appeal.