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APPLY TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING
COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL OF SUSPENSION OF THE
BIOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT OF ZOO ANIMALS AAS
FOR PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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REPORT: The request to suspend the Biology and Management of Zoo Animals AAS is due to the loss of our primary provider of student internship opportunities, the Oregon Zoo. (There have been five cohorts of students who have earned the award at PCC). The reason for the suspension of the program is because the new management at the Oregon Zoo has decided not to renew the contract with the college to provide internship sites and training for students. The loss of these internship sites has an enormous impact on the department's ability to provide an excellent educational opportunity for students. There are other organizations in the metropolitan area providing internship sites, but not enough to fill the void due to the loss of the Oregon Zoo partnership. No new students were admitted to the Biology and Management of Zoo Animals program beginning fall 2016. The teach-out is currently in process, and the final cohort of 18 students will complete their program in spring 2017.

RECOMMENDATION: That the College be authorized to submit a request for program suspension to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for the AAS in Biology and Management of Zoo Animals for Portland Community College.

ATTEST:

Mark Mitsui
College President

APPROVED:

Kali Thorne-Ladd
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