

Final Assessment Report
Submitted by SUPR-G to SCAPA (Nov 30, 2011)

Graduate Program:	Physiology and Pharmacology (previously the Program in Physiology and the Program in Pharmacology and Toxicology)
Degrees Offered:	MSc, PhD
Approved Fields:	Cardiovascular Sciences Cell, Development and Cancer Biology Clinical and Basic Pharmacology Neurosciences Reproductive Biology and Endocrinology
Date of Site Visit:	June 22-23, 2011
Evaluation:	Good quality

Summary: The graduate programs in the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology are very strong, especially in terms of the programs' breadth of expertise as well as research and training. Moreover, the external consultants commended the quantity and quality of the work produced by their graduate students. Although faculty members have been located in diverse areas, the department has successfully managed to keep these members included in its activities. The available laboratory spaces and ongoing renovations also provided positive impressions about the department. Finally, the external consultants evaluated the proposal for the consolidation of the two current graduate programs (Physiology; Pharmacology and Toxicology) into one program (Physiology and Pharmacology).

Recommendation:	Responsibility
Move forward with the consolidation of the 2 programs into a single graduate program in Physiology and Pharmacology	Department Chair, Associate Dean
Make use of the Communications and Critical Thinking (CCT) course, or other components of the program, to guarantee that students gain competence in the basic principles of physiology and pharmacology.	Graduate Chair and Program Committee
Identify additional office space for graduate students, especially in labs with a large number of students	Department Chair, Space Committee
Consider participating in the non-thesis MSc degree if it becomes available	Associate Dean, Graduate Chair and Program Committee
Consider ways to develop resources and a process for funding (including , but not limited to emergency bridge funding) so that students are protected when supervisor's research funding is interrupted	Dean, Department Chair
Consider outreach and recruiting strategies focused on increasing the number of PhD students	Graduate Chair
Consider indicating a core area of specialization (i.e., field) on the graduate degrees to alleviate concerns about the breadth of expertise of graduates of this program	Graduate Chair and Program Committee