

Comments/Questions for the Proposed Curricular Changes to Biomolecular Imaging and Biophysics PhD

1. The second year seems to be a heavy course load, please clarify how much research will be expected of the students during the 2nd year? Please state when the qualifying exam needs to be completed by. How many students are anticipated to register for this modified program and new courses? (i.e., will the faculty be preparing for the new course for ~2 students? Best to advertize throughout campus.)
2. It is not clear to me what mechanism they will be using for the “comprehensive exam” portion of the program. This usually occurs after the first two years and is required prior to the student being allowed to form a research committee. This might be able to be clarified without discussion at a GAC meeting if they could amend their proposal or in some way clarify what type of examination will be required before a student can move from having an “advisory” committee to having a “research” committee.