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ISU REQUEST FOR CENTER TERMINATION: CENTER FOR METABOLIC BIOLOGY

Action Requested: Recommend approval of Iowa State University's request to terminate the Center for Metabolic Biology.

The Council of Provosts and the Board office support this request.

Background: The Center for Metabolic Biology brings together faculty from different disciplines focused on fundamental generalizable principles of metabolism.

Rationale for request to close: The longstanding director of the Center for Metabolic Biology recently retired. The membership and activities associated directly with the Center had been decreasing in the recent past to the point where existing as a separate center is no longer viable.

Key faculty in the Center can be associated with other related centers such as Crop Bioengineering Center or the Bioeconomy Institute. These associations could help spawn new collaborative opportunities.

Impact of closure: The closure will lead to cost savings of any funds remaining the Center's fund balance that will revert to the Colleges and the Office of the Vice President for Research.

Proposed date of closure: June 30, 2023.