MEMORANDUM

TO: Jayanth Banavar
    Dean, College of Computer, Mathematical, & Natural Sciences

FROM: Elizabeth Beise
    Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs

SUBJECT: Proposal to Discontinue the Meteorology Specialization within the Bachelor of Science in Physics (PCC log no. 13025)

The proposal to discontinue the Meteorology Specialization within the Bachelor of Science in Physics has been administratively approved. A copy of the approved proposal is attached.

The change is effective Spring 2014. Please ensure that the change is fully described in the Undergraduate Catalog and in all relevant descriptive materials.

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Enclosure

cc: Marilee Lindemann, Chair, Senate PCC Committee
    Sarah Bauder, Office of Student Financial Aid
    Reka Montfort, University Senate
    Erin Howard, Division of Information Technology
    Pam Phillips, Institutional Research, Planning & Assessment
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College/School:
Please also add College/School Unit Code-First 8 digits: 01203000
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Department/Program:
Please also add Department/Program Unit Code-Last 7 digits: 1302301

Type of Action (choose one):

☐ Curriculum change (including informal specializations) ☐ New academic degree/award program
☐ Renaming of program or formal Area of Concentration ☐ New Professional Studies award iteration
☐ Addition/deletion of formal Area of Concentration ☐ New Minor
X Suspend/delete program ☐ Other

Italics indicate that the proposed program action must be presented to the full University Senate for consideration.

Summary of Proposed Action:

Please delete the Physics-Meteorology area of concentration (1902M).

The Physics-Meteorology area of concentration was created to address the needs of students interested in pursuing graduate work in meteorology. At the time, the University did not have a BS program in meteorology. Now that the Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences has a BS program that meets the needs of these students, the Physics-Meteorology area of concentration is obsolete and should be deleted. This area of concentration currently has no enrolled students.
Bob, The Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Science supports the discontinuation of the Physics-Meteorology Area of Concentration. The new AOSC undergraduate B.S. major more readily fills niche, and experienced some internal migration from PHYS when it was created. We are happy to continue to build enrollment in our new major, and the discontinuation of the Physics track in meteorology will remove some ambiguity.

-- Jim

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