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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources, and College of Public Health to terminate the Undergraduate Certificate in Atmospheric Sciences will be an agenda item for the February 16, 2024, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Susan Sanchez, Chair

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu

Dr. Marisa Pagnattaro

PROPOSAL FOR DEACTIVATION OR TERMINATION OF AN ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Date: October 11, 2023

School/College: College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Franklin College of Arts and Sciences
Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources
College of Public Health

Department/Division: Crop and Soil Sciences
Geography
Marine Sciences
Physics and Astronomy
Statistics

Program: Undergraduate Certificate in Atmospheric Sciences

Which campus(es) offer this program? Athens

Deactivation or Termination? Termination

Proposed Effective Date: Fall 2024

Last date students will be admitted to this program: No students are enrolled in this program.

Last date students will graduate from this program: No students are enrolled in this program.

Program Abstract:

The Undergraduate Certificate in Atmospheric Sciences is designed for students who wish to supplement their majors with an in-depth understanding of the atmosphere. The operational meteorology track meets the educational requirements for employment as a meteorologist by the National Weather Service, other civil service agencies, and many companies. The operational meteorology track also meets the recommended curriculum standards set by the American Meteorological Society.

1. State the reasons for terminating the program, and provide copies of any relevant documents.

The undergraduate major in Atmospheric Sciences (B.S.) was approved in 2015, with the intent of replacing the certificate program. Although some students switched to the major, the certificate remained active to allow enrolled students to complete the program. Now that all students have completed, the certificate can be terminated.

2. What will be done to minimize the impact of the termination of the program upon the personal and professional lives of the faculty and staff involved? Include specific information on: a) how faculty and staff will be notified of the termination, and b) how faculty and staff will be reallocated.

There are no students enrolled in this program. The courses will continue to be offered as part of other programs, and faculty will continue to teach in the major.

3. What will be done to ensure that termination of the program does not weaken other programs (graduate, undergraduate, or professional) for which the department may be responsible?

The undergraduate major in Atmospheric Sciences (B.S.) provides a comparable program of study to the certificate. Therefore, there is no loss of courses or positions associated with this termination.

Documentation of Approval and Notification

Proposal: Termination of the Undergraduate Certificate in Atmospheric Sciences

College: College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences; College of Public Health; Franklin College of Arts and Sciences; Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources

Department: Crop and Soil Sciences; Geography; Marine Sciences; Physics and Astronomy; Statistics

Proposed Effective Term: Fall 2024

Approvals:

- Geography Department Head, Dr. Hilda Kurtz, 9/26/23
- Franklin College of Arts and Sciences Associate Dean, Dr. Jean Martin-Williams, 10/4/23
- College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Assistant Dean, Dr. Douglas Bailey, 9/20/22
- College of Public Health Associate Dean, Dr. Erin Lipp, 9/19/22
- Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources Associate Dean, Dr. Robert Bringolf, 9/19/22