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Office of Academic Affairs 203 Bricker Hall 190 North Oval Mall CAMPUS

Re: Astronomy Undergraduate Minor Program under Semesters

Dear colleagues,

The Department of Astronomy offers two degree programs, a Bachelor of Science with a major in Astronomy and Doctor of Philosophy in Astronomy.

The Department additionally offers a minor program in Astronomy. The Department also awards a Master's of Science in Astronomy to students who complete the required graduate core courses and pass an oral examination, usually the same examination that admits students to candidacy for the PhD; students are not admitted for a Master's degree only, so we do not list this as a separate program.

Curricular changes are made through the Department's standing Curriculum Committee upon approval by the entire regular faculty. In the current conversion to semesters, the Curriculum Committee did not recommend any changes to the undergraduate minor program because the current curriculum is deemed to be academically sound, up to date, and will transfer transparently to a semester schedule.

As chair of the Department, I recommend approval of the undergraduate minor program as submitted here.

Sincerely yours,

Bradley M. Peterson Professor and Chair