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To: Office of Academic Affairs
From: James J. Beatty, Chair, Department of Physics 
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Re: Semester Program Proposal for Physics Graduate PhD program

The Physics department has the following programs which will be converted from quarters to semesters:

- 1) The Undergraduate Engineering Physics Major
- 2) The Undergraduate Physics Major
- 3) The Undergraduate Physics Minor
- 4) The Combined Physics BS/MS
- 5) The Graduate Physics PhD

The subject of this proposal is the Physics Graduate PhD program; the other programs are addressed in separate proposals.

The Graduate Studies Committee of the Department of Physics has worked hard to produce this proposal, describing the conversion of our current Graduate PhD program from the quarter system to the semester system.

The contents of this proposal have been discussed at length in a variety of Graduate Studies Committee meetings as well as faculty meetings through the 2009-2010 academic year. In addition, the Graduate Studies Committee discussed a preliminary version of the proposal with the Physics Graduate Student Council.

Based on their comments, the Graduate Studies Committee revised the proposal and then circulated it to the faculty for review and comments. A vote on the final proposal was taken on June 3, 2010. The outcome of the vote was 18 in favor, 4 opposed, 3 abstained. I strongly endorse this proposal.