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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 Undergraduate Physics Minor

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 Undergraduate Physics Minor; the other programs will be addressed in separate proposals.

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

The contents of this proposal were discussed at length in a variety of Undergraduate Studies Committee meeting as well as faculty meetings through the 2009-2010 academic year. A preliminary version of the proposal was presented and discussed in a "Town Meeting" with undergraduate Physics and Engineering Physics majors on April 15, 2010. Based on their comments, a revised proposal was unanimously approved in a meeting of the Undergraduate Studies Committee on April 20, 2010. This version was then circulated for faculty review and comments, with a vote on the proposal completed on April 30. The outcome of the vote was 44 in favor, 0 opposed.