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Good afternoon,

On Thursday, August 31st, the Natural and Mathematical Sciences Subcommittee of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a proposal to revise the Physics BS.

I am pleased to report that the Subcommittee unanimously approved the revision with two contingencies, one comment, and one recommendation:

- **Contingency:** The Subcommittee asks the department to change the rule regarding electives on page 4 that does not allow students to overlap electives with General Education courses. Students are allowed to overlap one course from each of their GEN Themes with a course in their major program and, therefore, should an elective be approved as a GEN Theme course, students are able to double count that particular course within their program.
- **Contingency:** The Subcommittee asks that the department add a brief statement in the program proposal that states the Embedded Literacies for the Physics BS program.
- **Comment:** The Subcommittee is unsure why a student could not take another of the 3rd physics lab options as an elective (as discussed on page 3 of the revision) and wanted to pose this question to the department.
- **Recommendation:** The Subcommittee recommends clarifying in the proposal what entity is responsible for approving elective options not found in the provided list. Will a student need to visit an advisor within the department, petition a committee in the unit, such as Undergraduate Studies, or will there be some other mechanism to approve elective options?

When a revision is completed that addresses the Subcommittee's above contingencies, please email a copy of the revised program to me and Bernadette Vankeerbergen, Assistant Dean for Curriculum (and cc'd here). We will ensure it receives the proper review and will advise you on the next steps.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Ian Hamilton, faculty Chair of the Natural and Mathematical Sciences Subcommittee, or me.

All my best,

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