Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposals 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 and the Graduate Certificate in Atmospheric Sciences will be agenda items for the February 16, 2024, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Susan Sanchez, Chair

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu
Dr. Marisa Pagnattaro
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.
PROPOSAL FOR DEACTIVATION OR TERMINATION OF AN ACADEMIC PROGRAM

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Program: Graduate 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 Graduate Certificate in Atmospheric Sciences requires a minimum of 18 credit hours of graduate-level coursework designed to develop an in-depth knowledge of, and acquire the research skills and tools necessary for, independent research of the atmosphere.

1. State the reasons for terminating the program, and provide copies of any relevant documents.
   
   There has been no enrollment in this certificate since fall 2014; this proposal is to terminate the inactive program.

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 has been no enrollment in this certificate since fall 2014, so there is no anticipated impact on faculty or staff as a result of termination.

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?

   There has been no enrollment in this certificate since fall 2014, so there is no anticipated impact on other programs as a result of termination.
Documentation of Approval and Notification

**Proposal:** Termination of the Undergraduate Certificate in Atmospheric Sciences
Termination of the Graduate 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
- Graduate School Associate Dean, Dr. Anne Shaffer, 11/14/23