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PROPOSAL TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY

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TITLE OF THE PROPOSAL:

Elimination of the Graduate Specialization in Biophysical Chemistry

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SPONSOR:

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

The Department of Chemistry has for some time offered an area of specialization in biophysical chemistry for students in the Ph.D. program. The specialization was designed to provide the student with basic training in physical chemistry, physical biochemistry and biology. In the past five years, no students have taken advantage of this specialization, and the department faculty believes this specialization should be discontinued.

JUSTIFICATION:

As the Department of Chemistry has a number of other, more formalized specializations already in place, including the traditional areas of analytical, inorganic, organic, and physical chemistry as well as materials chemistry and chemical biology, this specialization is no longer useful.

BUDGETARY AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS:

Because this specialization had failed to attract students, no course enrollments should be adversely affected. There will be no impact on other resources (library, laboratories, etc.)

GUIDELINES FOR UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION: Discontinuing this specialization would have no impact on undergraduate education.

CLEARANCES: (Clearances should include signatures [sponsor, department head, dean] and dates of approval)

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Sponsor Date

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STATEMENT FOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY CATALOG:

The following statement would be deleted from the graduate portion of the *Programs of Study*:

Program in Biophysical Chemistry

The Department of Chemistry offers an area of specialization in biophysical chemistry. The program is flexible and provides the student with basic training in physical chemistry, physical biochemistry and biology. Students electing this area should have a solid background in physics and mathematics. Details of the curriculum are decided individually. Interested students should direct inquiries and applications to the head of the Department of Chemistry.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

Upon approval.