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THINK BIG WE DO

Serial Number #14-15—26B

TO: President David Dooley
FROM: Bahram Nassersharif, Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL titled, Curricular Report No. 2014-15-9 from the Graduate Council to the Faculty Senate: Applied Physics Track for Ph.D. in Physics is forwarded for your consideration.

2. This BILL was adopted by vote of the Faculty Senate on April 16, 2015.

3. After considering this bill, will you please indicate your approval or disapproval. Return the original, completing the appropriate endorsement below.

4. In accordance with Section 10, paragraph 4 of the Senate's By-Laws, this bill will become effective May 7, 2015 three weeks after Senate approval, unless: (1) specific dates for implementation are written into the bill; (2) you return it disapproved; or (3) the University Faculty petitions for a referendum.

Bahram Nassersharif
Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

April 16, 2015

ENDORSEMENT

TO: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

FROM: President of the University

a. Approved ____.

b. Approved subject to Notice of the Council on Postsecondary Education ✓. Approved 6/17/15

c. Disapproved ____.

Signature of the President

4.29.15
(date)

2) College of Arts and Sciences
Physics

Notice of Change for Physics
Programs Date: 01/28/2015

A. PROGRAM INFORMATION

1. Name of institution
University of Rhode Island

2. Name of department, division, school or college
Department: Physics
College: Arts and Sciences

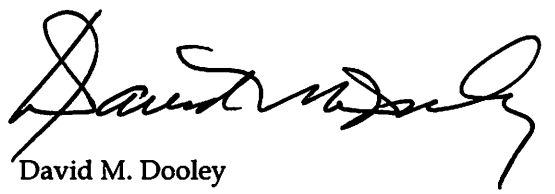
3. Intended initiation date of program change. Include anticipated date for granting first degrees or certificates, if appropriate.
Initiation date: 01/09/2015
First degree date: NA

4. Intended location of the program
Physics Department, URI

5. Summary description of proposed program (not to exceed 2 pages).
On January 21, 2015 the faculty of the Physics Department voted to create a second track that would lead toward the Ph.D. in Physics and to change PHY625 course. Over the past few years, it was found that the curriculum needs of the students pursuing more applied research differed from those who were pursuing more traditional physics research. Rather than approving modifications to the programs of study for those students pursuing applied physics, the department determined it would be better to establish an "applied physics" track toward the Ph.D. Both tracks have identical credit requirements and are deemed to be of equal difficulty

If applicable, please include the existing URI catalog language and proposed catalog language changes that relate to your request.
See attached catalog language information

6. Signature of the President



David M. Dooley

Existing URI catalog language

Physics
M.S., Ph.D.

401.874.2633

Faculty: Associate Professor Andreev, *chair*. Professors Heskett, Kahn, Kaufman, Malik, Meyerovich, Muller, Nightingale, and Steyerl; Associate Professors Andreev and Reshetnyak; Adjunct Professor McCorkle; Adjunct Associate Professors Bozyan, Karbach, and Ruffa; Professors Emeriti Desjardins, Hartt, Letcher, Nunes, and Pickart.

Specializations

Astronomy: low-frequency radio sources and optical counterparts.

Biological physics: membrane biophysics, molecular motors, fluorescence spectroscopy and microscopy.

Computational physics: classical and quantum Monte Carlo methods, large-scale parallel computations, optimization, many-body interactions and invariants, finite-size scaling, recursion method.

Experimental condensed matter physics: electronic and structural properties of surfaces and thin films studied via low-energy electron diffraction, Auger electron spectroscopy, X-ray standing wave and photoemission techniques (in-house and at the Brookhaven National Laboratory synchrotron facility); surfaces and interfaces in thin films and multilayers studied via X-ray and neutron reflection and diffraction (in-house and at the National Institute of Standards and Technology reactor facility); epitaxial growth, magnetism in nanoparticles and on surfaces via neutron and X-ray scattering; characterization of electromigration by electrical and optical techniques, Rutherford backscattering, and scanning tunneling microscopy.

Experimental neutron physics: ultracold neutrons used to study beta-decay, neutron optics (at the Institut Laue-Langevin, Grenoble).

Medical physics and nanotechnology: drug delivery, whole-body fluorescence imaging, cancer nanotechnology.

Nonlinear dynamics and chaos: turbulence, Hamiltonian chaos, integrability in quantum mechanics.

Theoretical condensed matter physics: surface physics, phase transitions and critical phenomena, critical dynamics, superconductivity, quantum transport, nano-scale films and clusters, disordered systems, low-dimensional systems, spin dynamics, Bethe ansatz.

Theoretical low-temperature physics: Fermi and Bose quantum liquids, solids and gases; spin-polarized quantum systems.

Master of Science

Admission requirements: GRE and advanced test recommended; bachelor's degree with major in physics preferred.

Program requirements: PHY 510, 520, 525, 530, 560, 570, and 580 are required of all students. For both the thesis and the nonthesis options, the student will complete 30 credits, of which no more than six may be below the 500 level. For the nonthesis option, at least one course will require a substantial paper involving significant independent study, and the student must pass a final written and oral examination.

Doctor of Philosophy

Admission requirements: GRE and advanced test recommended; bachelor's degree with major in physics preferred. Master's degree is not required.

Program requirements: PHY 510, 520, 525, 530, 570, 580, 610, 625 (or 626), 630, 670, and 680. There is no formal departmental language requirement, although the candidate's committee may require demonstration of language proficiency. Successful completion of a qualifying examination is required of all students. *This examination is normally expected to be taken in the summer preceding the second year of studies.*

Five-Year Program in Medical Physics

The Physics Departments also offers a five-year program of studies leading to a B.S. in physics and a M.S. in medical physics. The M.S. degree part of the program requires that the student take PHY 540, 545, 550, 552, 555, 560, 565, 691, 610; SOC 224; ELE 562 + lab, ELE 564 + lab. The rest of the courses are those indicated on the schedule in the undergraduate section of this catalog (see "Medical Physics" under Physics in Arts and Sciences).

Proposed URI catalog language for graduate program

Physics
M.S., Ph.D.

401.874.2633

Faculty: Professor Andreev, *chair*. Professors: Andreev, Heskett, Kahn, Kaufman, Malik, Meyerovich, Muller, Nightingale, Reshetnyak and Steyerl; Assistant Professor: Ganikhanov

Specializations

Astrophysics: high energy extragalactic radio astrophysics.

Biological physics: membrane biophysics; membrane-associated folding/unfolding; molecular motors; steady-state and kinetics fluorescence and circular dichroism studies; calorimetry; small angle x-ray scattering on biological objects (at the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility, Grenoble); fluorescence microscopy; fluorescence polarization microscopy; spectral analysis from cells; electric cell substrate impedance sensing on cells.

Computational physics: classical and quantum Monte Carlo methods, large-scale parallel computations, optimization, many-body interactions and invariants, finite-size scaling.

Experimental condensed matter physics: electronic and structural properties of surfaces and thin films studied via low-energy electron diffraction, Auger electron spectroscopy, photoemission techniques (inhouse and at the Brookhaven National Laboratory synchrotron facility); surfaces and interfaces in thin films and multilayers studied via X-ray and neutron reflection and diffraction (in-house and at the National Institute of Standards and Technology reactor facility); epitaxial growth, magnetism in nanoparticles and on surfaces via neutron and X-ray scattering; characterization of Lithium Ion Batteries using Hard X-ray Photoemission Spectroscopy (HAXPES), Rutherford backscattering, and scanning tunneling microscopy; ultrafast dynamics of hot carriers in 2-dimensional materials studied with multi-color femtosecond spectroscopy; phonon decay and vibrational dynamics in traditional and soft condensed matter studied by coherent Raman spectroscopy techniques; sub-optical cycle waveform generation.

Experimental neutron physics: ultracold neutrons used to study beta-decay, neutron optics (at the Institut Laue-Langevin, Grenoble).

Medical physics, physics oncology and nanotechnology: novel approaches in drug delivery and tumor targeting; whole-body and *ex vivo* fluorescence imaging; gold and magnetic nanoparticles; laser and x-ray radiation; hyperthermia; liposome delivery.

Statistical physics: Bethe ansatz, density functional theory, fractional exclusion statistics, applications to spin systems, quantum gases, granular matter, and biological matter.

Theoretical condensed matter physics: surface physics, phase transitions and critical phenomena, critical dynamics, superconductivity, quantum transport, systems with random rough boundaries, nano-scale films and clusters, disordered systems, low-dimensional systems, spin dynamics, nonlinear optics.

Theoretical low-temperature physics: Fermi and Bose quantum liquids, solids and gases; spin-polarized

quantum systems, ultracold neutrons in quantizing gravity field.

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Doctor of Philosophy

Admission requirements: GRE and advanced test recommended; bachelor's degree with major in physics preferred. Master's degree is not required.

Program requirements: PHY510, PHY520, PHY525, PHY530, PHY570, PHY580 are core courses required for all students. In addition to the core courses, students in the Physics track will be required to take: PHY610, PHY630, PHY670, PHY680, and either one of (PHY625, PHY 626). In addition to the core courses, students in the Applied Physics track will be required to take: PHY540, PHY 560, one of (PHY625, PHY 626), one of (PHY630, PHY670), and one of (PHY610, PHY680). The choice of tracks and courses should be done with adviser's approval. No replacements by courses from outside the Department are allowed. There is no formal departmental language requirement, although the candidate's committee may require demonstration of language proficiency. Successful completion of a qualifying examination is required of all students. *This examination is normally expected to be taken in the summer preceding the second year of studies.*

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