UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE FORMS

Academic Program Approval

This form is a routing document for the approval of new and revised academic programs. Proposing department should complete this form. For more information, call the Faculty Senate Office at 831-2921.

Submitted by:  __Brian Ackerman_________________ phone number_2385________________
Department:  _Psychology_________________________ email address bpa@psych.udel.edu

Action:  _Add an Honors Bachelor of Science Degree in Neuroscience

(Example: add major/minor/concentration, delete major/minor/concentration, revise major/minor/concentration, academic unit name change, request for permanent status, policy change, etc.)

Effective term_______________10S—so that current BS students can graduate with Honors in May 2010

Current degree_______________BS in Neuroscience

(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

Proposed change leads to the degree of: _Honors BS

(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

Proposed name: __Honors Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience

Proposed new name for revised or new major / minor / concentration / academic unit
(if applicable)

Revising or Deleting:

Undergraduate major / Concentration:

(Example: Applied Music – Instrumental degree BMAS)

Undergraduate minor:

(Example: African Studies, Business Administration, English, Leadership, etc.)

Graduate Program Policy statement change:

(Must attach your Graduate Program Policy Statement)

Graduate Program of Study:

(Example: Animal Science: MS Animal Science: PHD Economics: MA Economics: PHD)

Graduate minor / concentration:

Note: all graduate studies proposals must include an electronic copy of the Graduate Program Policy Document, highlighting the changes made to the original policy document.

List new courses required for the new or revised curriculum. How do they support the
overall program objectives of the major/minor/concentrations)?
(To be aware that approval of the curriculum is dependent upon these courses successfully passing through the Course Challenge list. If there are no new courses enter “None”)
The BS in Neuroscience is approved and running. Many of the students are in the Honors Program, and we need create an Honors degree program. We propose these requirements for the Honors BS in Neuroscience degree:

The recipient must complete:
1. All requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Neuroscience.
2. All of the University’s generic requirements for the Honors Baccalaureate degree.
3. Twelve credits of honors courses in Neuroscience, including required collateral courses in other Departments. At least six credits must be at the 300 level or higher.

The requirements are similar to those of other Honors programs in Arts and Sciences.

We want this proposal to be effective immediately so that it pertains to students who will graduate in the 2010 Spring semester. This timing will allow students who switched from the Interdisciplinary Honors Neuroscience Program to the BS Neuroscience program to graduate with an Honors degree.

Explain, when appropriate, how this new/revised curriculum supports the 10 goals of undergraduate education: http://www.ugs.udel.edu/gened/

No new goals are associated with the Honors degree.

Identify other units affected by the proposed changes:
(Attach permission from the affected units. If no other unit is affected, enter “None”)

None

Describe the rationale for the proposed program change(s):
(Explain your reasons for creating, revising, or deleting the curriculum or program)

We neglected to propose an Honors degree when we proposed a new BS in Neuroscience program.

Program Requirements:
(Show the new or revised curriculum as it should appear in the Course Catalog. If this is a revision, be sure to indicate the changes being made to the current curriculum and include a side-by-side comparison of the credit distribution before and after the proposed changes)

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ROUTING AND AUTHORIZATION: (Please do not remove supporting documentation.)

Department Chairperson ____________________________ Date ____________________________

Dean of College ____________________________ Date 16 Sept 2007

Chairperson, College Curriculum Committee ____________________________ Date ____________________________

Chairperson, Senate Com. on UG or GR Studies ____________________________ Date ____________________________

Chairperson, Senate Coordinating Com. ____________________________ Date ____________________________

Secretary, Faculty Senate ____________________________ Date ____________________________

Date of Senate Resolution ____________________________ Date to be Effective ____________________________

Registrar ____________________________ Program Code ____________________________ Date ____________________________

Vice Provost for Academic Affairs & International Programs ____________________________ Date ____________________________

Provost ____________________________ Date ____________________________

Board of Trustee Notification ____________________________ Date ____________________________

Revised 10/23/2007 /khs
The Honors Program supports the proposals for Honors BA’s in Psychology and Psychology Education, the BS in Psychology, and the BS in Neuroscience. We are happy to see the Psychology Department expanding their offerings for Honors students.

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Alan,

Could you right a short note of support in response to this e-mail? In regard to Jama’s question below, I told her that we are indeed okay with students fulfilling the Honors requirements entirely with BISC or CHEM courses, etc. that may change in a couple of year—but that is way down the road.

Brian

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Hi Brian,

We think these look fine. With the Neuroscience Honors Degree, a student would be able to complete the Honors major requirements completely in BISC (for example BISC207, 208, 306, 403) without taking any Honors PSYC? Are you all ok with that?

Jama

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Jama,

I have attached our Honors curriculum proposal for the BA in Psychology and Psychology Education (just adding a third requirement about 6 credits, etc.), the BS in Psychology, and the BS in Neuroscience. I added language to all about being effective immediately, and explained that we will honor old degree requirements for the BA programs. I also deleted the phrase about 3 credits in NSCI for the BS NSCI proposal.

So please look them over and provide feedback asap. If they do the trick, I will get the Chair’s signature and then send a note to Alan Fox asking for a letter of support.

Brian