Undergraduate Academic Program Memo

Date: 11/12/18

From: Carol Sternberger

To: Carl Drummond

Re: Physics: Materials Science Concentration

Brief description of the program:

First, there is a regional demand for graduates with Materials Science background. Materials Science is very interdisciplinary involving Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Geology and Engineering. Many of our graduates work in industry and are classified as "engineers." We believe that this concentration will help the students transition more smoothly into industrial careers, expanding opportunities available to them. This concentration should also open new

Brief rationale for program request:

Within physics, it is critical to provide students with more options than just simply physics as isrecommended by the SPIN-UP report and our last program review. SPIN-UP was a NationalScience Foundation sponsored project that investigated qualities that make a successful, thrivingphysics

department. (http://www.aps.org/programs/education/undergrad/faculty/spinup/upload/SPIN-UP-department.) and the program of t

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