

## Academic Program Termination: PSM/MS in Applied Physics

### BACKGROUND

#### Program Proposed Termination Date

Summer 2020

#### Program Description

Masters in Applied Physics

The proposal is to terminate the Professional Science Masters (PSM)/Master of Science (MS) in Applied Physics.

#### Program Context

In spring 2009 President Ray formed the Advisory Council on Budget and Strategic Priorities and charged them to develop a series of recommendations to align the scope of the university's academic programs with projected budgets and the OSU Strategic Plan. As part of their work, the council considered undergraduate and graduate degree programs for possible elimination or consolidation with other units. The primary consideration was to identify low enrollment degree programs that may not be sustainable.

The PSM/MS in Applied Physics was one program that was recommended for termination in 2009. At that time, the program stopped admitting new students. There were students active in the degree program so, allowing for completion of their degrees, it was not formally terminated. The program has now been dormant for eight or more years. There are no students or faculty that will be impacted by this termination.

#### Program Financials

There has been no financial support for the PSM/MS degrees in the Applied Physics program since students ceased being admitted in 2009.

### RECOMMENDATION

All appropriate university committees and the OSU Faculty Senate have reviewed and support the proposed termination. The Provost recommends that the Academic Strategies Committee approve the termination of the Applied Physics program effective summer 2020, pending the approval of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.