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To: Dale Durran, Chair, Department of Atmospheric Sciences

From: James Antony, Associate Vice Provost and Associate Dean for Academic Antony

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RE: Change in Atmospheric Sciences graduate degree requirements

We have reviewed the proposal from the Department of Atmospheric Sciences to revise the curriculum for the department's graduate degrees. We understand that these changes involve coursework requirements for the master's and Ph.D. degrees, but will not impact the dissertation or thesis requirements. The changes will not affect the total credits required for the degree.

We further understand that the changes will be fully implemented for incoming students beginning Autumn Quarter 2010. A transition plan will be in place as follows: students currently in the program will not be impacted, while students starting Autumn Quarter 2009 will be allowed to choose between the old and the new requirements.

We concur with the decision of the Atmospheric Sciences faculty to change the graduate degree requirements, beginning Autumn Quarter 2009 and fully effective Autumn Quarter 2010.

Best wishes for continued success with your graduate programs.

cc: Julia Carlson, Director of Graduate Education Services, The Graduate School David Canfield-Budde, Academic Program Specialist, The Graduate School