

Faculty Senate Planning & Budget Committee (as of 5/3/2021)
Report to the APC on Proposed Closure of BS in Atm Sciences in A&S School

A. Overview (from Submitted BSAS document):

The proposed closure of the Baccalaureate Degree program in Atmospheric Sciences is the result of at least 5 years of low enrollment with 1-8 graduates per year. All current academic courses will continue to be taught in a new track for Atmospheric Physics in the Dept of Physics and Astronomy and in the Meteorology track in the Dept of Geography and Geosciences. The three current tenure-track faculty will continue to teach the same courses with two faculty in Physics and Astronomy and one faculty in Geography and Geosciences.

All current students in the ATMS major will be able to complete that degree or the Meteorology track in Geography and Geosciences, or the Atmospheric track in Physics. Student progress will not be affected by this program closure, nor will there be any additional expenses or charges to current students. The current teach-out plan does not require students to take summer courses nor require overloads, so students will not incur additional tuition charges.

B. INITIAL Analysis:

There are no projected changes in student tuition revenue or in academic expense to complete this closure of the BS in Atmospheric Sciences.

There are no projected future financial implications for UofL in the closure of this program.

There appear to be no financial disadvantages to currently registered students in the closure of this program.

C. Other Planning & Budget Committee Non-Finance Questions:

The Faculty Senate Planning and Finance Committee have no outstanding questions to be addressed for this proposal.

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