


**Memorandum**

To: Faculty Senate  
Seton Hall University

From: Karen E. Boroff, Ph.D.   
Interim Provost and Executive Vice President

Re: Executive Committee Motion - Resolution Recommending Program Changes be  
Informed by the Strategic Plan and a Cohesive Academic Vision and Resources rather  
than P/L of Individual Programs (2020-FS-7)

Date: May 26, 2020

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The Office of the Provost is in receipt on the Executive Committee Motion passed on April 17, 2020.

It is with regret that I make this decision regarding the sunset of the Master's Program in Physics. The establishment of this program had the distinctive hallmarks of collaborative academic planning and shared governance, including agreement to fund the faculty-driven business plan and a faculty hire. I have made multiple reviews of this decision and I am sure the affected parties have shared with you my communiques in March and April on this. Enrollments and their concomitant revenue projections did not materialize as indicated and grant funds did not meet the expectations in the faculty-authored proposal.

The decision to teach the students out now rests with the knowledge that we can share that the faculty-authored business plan, the elements of which formed the basis of the Senate's and my support, would not be fulfilled in one year. To admit students into a program that we know would be sunsetted would be wrong, and I am sure the Senate agrees.

The decision to sunset the MS in Physics stands.