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MEMORANDUM

TO: Department Executive Officers

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SUBJECT: Proposal for the Administration of the Physical Science Major

Attached is a proposal from the Department of Physics to house the Physical Science major within that Department. I would appreciate any comments you might have on this proposal by the end of this week.

For your information, the numbers of Physical Science B.S. degrees for the past few years are:

1987-88	3
1988-89	4
1989-90	9
1990-91	6
1991-92	12
1992-93	7
1993-94	7

For Fall Semester 1994, there were 33 Physical Science majors.

PHYSICAL SCIENCE MAJOR
Physics' Department Proposal
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1. The Physics Department will assume primary responsibility for administering the Physical Science Majors effective Fall 1995:
 - a. Prospective Physical Science majors will report to the Physics Key Advisor (currently David Krueger).
 - b. Physics^a Science majors with a significant leaning towards Physics courses will be assigned to the Physics advisor appropriate to the student's class standing.
 - c. Other Physical Science majors, including those pursuing teaching certification, will be advised by a designated "Physical Science Advisor," initially Phil Kearney.

2. The College will maintain a role in the process, presumably through Jack McGrew:
 - a. During the transition, at least some of the current Physical Sciences students will logically stay with Jack.
 - b. If policy or curricular changes to the Physical Science major are proposed, the College representative will be a prime participant in the discussions.
 - c. If an occasional student does not want a Physics Department advisor, advising through the College Office would be appropriate.

3. The Physics Department will receive the following recognition:
 - a. Physical Science majors will be included in the tally of Physics Department majors.
 - b. Physical Science majors will be included in the distribution of technology fee funds to the Physics Department.
 - c. The Physics Chair will participate in awarding Physical Science degrees at Commencement.